

Rochester Numismatic Association Meeting Minutes



1938

1938

OFFICERS

of the

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

President:	F. Emmett Peake
Vice-President:	Lenard L. Babin
Secretary:	William A. Elston Sr.
Treasurer:	Leslie C. Swartz
Curator:	Gustav J. Lindboe

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS -- 1938

President.....F. Emmett Peake
Vice-President.....Leonard Babin
Secretary.....Wm. A. Elston
Treasurer.....Leslie Swartz
Curator.....G. J. Lindboe

COMMITTEES

Purchasing Committee

Mr. Geo. Bauer, Chairman
Mr. A. Plumb
Mr. G. Lindboe

Membership Committee

Mr. J. Sloane, Chairman
Mr. E. Meinhart
Mr. A. Donley

Publicity Committee

Mr. B. Greene

Curator Assistants

Mr. J. Cohen (Librarian)
Mr. J. Greendyke Jr.
Asst. Curator.

587 Minutes of the 26th. Anniversary Banquet

The 26th. Anniversary Banquet was held at the Hotel Seneca on January 8th. 1938.

The following members and their guests were present;
A. J. Kaufman, J. W. Horner, G. J. Lindboe, C. E. Moore
C. A. Peake, A. H. Plumb, J. W. Slone, J. B. Harzinski
L. C. Swarts, L. L. Babin, G. A. Gillette, J. Greendyke
N. Feinberg, F. E. Peake, E. F. Meinhart, N. F. Hayes
J. Cohen, Dr. A. C. Parker, B. Bloom, G. J. Bauer, A. D.
Donley, A. Kolb, W. H. Amberg, J. V. Blum, W. A. Elston
A. Schurbert, J. Tickner, F. Snelgrove, Mrs. L. C. Swarts
Mrs. A. H. Plumb, Mrs. J. Horner, Mrs. M. M. Oliver, Mrs.
W. A. Elston, Mrs. F. Snelgrove.

Members met in the after-noon in the Blue Room for a social hour, and at 6:45 were escorted to the Palm Room where a very appetizing dinner was served.

After the dinner a short business meeting was held. The following officers were installed by Mr. Geo. Bauer:-

President---F. E. Peake
Vice Pres.---L. L. Babin
Secretary---W. A. Elston
Treasurer---L. C. Swarts
Curator-----G. J. Lindboe

Mr. Bauer asked for a silent tribute to deceased members of the Association.

A vote of thanks was extended to all retiring officers for their work during the year.

Mr. Lindboe thanked those who worked with him during the year and gave special thanks to Mr. Bauer and Mr. Gillet for their donations to the Club Collection. /te

Mr. Bauer moved a resolution on the death of Mr. Woodbury with a copy set aside in our minutes.

Mr. Bauer also moved a letter of sympathy to retiring President Powers, who is very ill at home.

A telegram of congratulation and best wishes for a pleasant evening from Jim. Powers was read to the members

Meeting was then adjourned to the auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN.

MEETING NOTICE

The 588th. meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on January 18th. at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

Your new officers were installed at our very successful banquet and they are hoping to have an interesting and instructive year. Won't you help make this a banner year by attending every meeting you possibly can?

President Peake has some suggestions for your approval. Come and let us have your opinion.

R E S O L V E

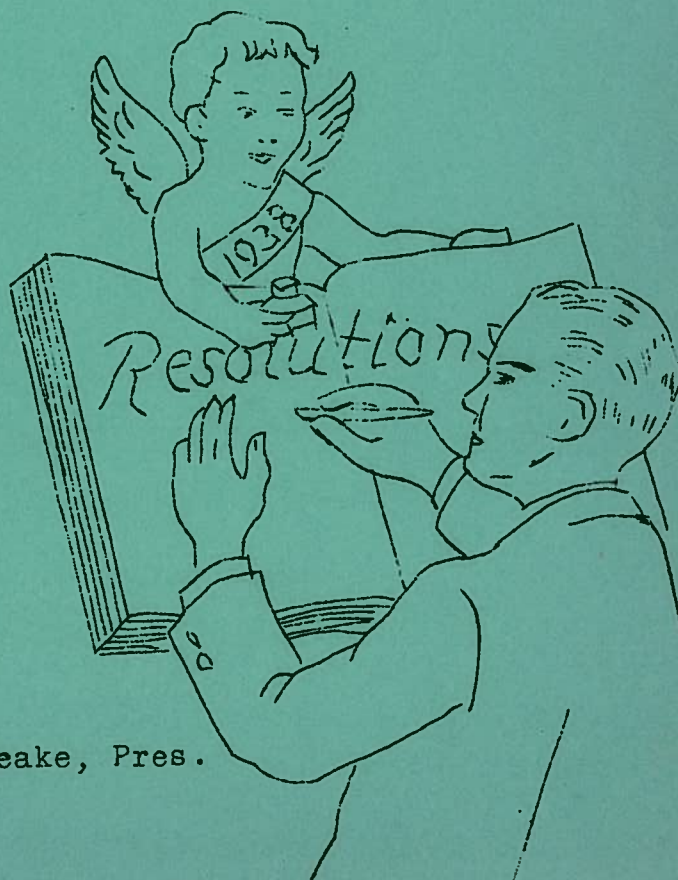
N O W

T O

A T T E N D

M O R E

M E E T I N G S



Wm. A. Elston, Sec. F.E. Peake, Pres.

Minutes of meeting of January 18th 1938

The 588th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on January 18th 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of the two preceeding meetings were read and approved

Mr. Lindboe reported that he had paid a visit to retiring President Powers, and is rather discouraged about his condition. He also extended greeting from Mr. Clark and Mr. Wood whom he recently visited in New York City.

Mr. Kolb reported that the cost of striking medals this year is increased to \$1.10 each, making the net cost to the Club \$2.50. Actually these medals are worth \$4.00 but are reduced to us as Mr. Kolb has considered the Club when submitting his bill. There were 35 bronze and 5 silver medals ordered. Medals will continue to sell for \$2.00 to Club members even tho there has been an increase in the cost.

Mr. Lindboe moved and Mr. Babin second that all old committee be discharged. CARRIED.

President Peake appointed the following new committees:-

Purchasing Committee-
Mr. Geo. Bauer, Chairman
Mr. A. Plumb
Mr. G. Lindboe

Publicity Committee.
Mr. B. Greene

Membership Committee.
Mr. J. Sloane, Chairman
Mr. E. Meinhart
Mr. A. Donley

Curator Assistants.
Mr. J. Cohen. (Librarian)
Mr. J. Greendyke Jr.
Asst. Curator.

In discussing the matter of new members it was decided to publish applicants name in meeting notice before presenting name to our meeting.

Until it proves unsatisfactory, the auction will be limited to a period of one hour, or a total of 100 lots, with no limit set to the number of lots one individual may submit. All coins not sold will be held over until the next meeting.

President Peake told members that he believed, with the help of the Museum, the coin room could be made into an ideal room in which to hold our meetings. This would be done by removing the armor, which we have been informed is to be returned to the loaner, building two special display cases with flat tops that can also be used as meeting tables, a floor covering that will be more homelike, pictures of some kind, preferably illustrating phases of the history of money, the improvement

the improvement of the Culb collection and Library. All this will intale some expense to the Club, but there is every reason to believe that the big share of it will be assumed by the Museu After considerable discussion on the relative merits of ways and means of raising the necessary funds, one of which was ~~increa~~ increasing dues it was decided to appoint a committee to inquire into the suggestion made by Mr. Studley, that of having an exhibit of coins and medals in some store and charge a ~~small~~ admission. The following committee was appointed:- Mr. Studley Mr. Amberg, Mr. Weisbush and Mr. Babin. This committee was appointed after Mr. Amberg moved and Mr. Cohen second that \$75.00 be made available to the Club officers to be used at thier disgression, to help with the Museum in adapting the coin room, collection and library to a suitable place to hold meetings CARRIED.

Medals of retiring President Powers were on exhibit and for sale

The meeting was adjourned to the raffle and auction..

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present:-Peake, Kolb, Cohen, Babin, Amberg, Studley, Webb, Sloane, Swartz, Lindboe, Hayes, Weisbush, Plumb, Greendyke and Elston. Visitor:- Maxwell Posner.

President Peake appointed the following new committees:-

Publicity Committee.
Mr. E. Greene
Curator Assistant.
Mr. J. Cohen. (Lyonian)
Mr. J. Greendyke Jr.
Asst. Curator.

Purchasing Committee-
Mr. Geo. Baver, Chairman
Mr. A. Plumb
Mr. G. Lindboe
Membership Committee.
Mr. J. Sloane, Chairman
Mr. E. Weinert
Mr. A. Bonley

In discussing the matter of new members it was decided to publish applicants name in meeting notice before presenting name to our meeting.

Until it proves unsatisfactory, the auction will be limited to a period of one hour, or a total of 100 lots, with no limit set to the number of lots one individual may submit. All coins not sold will be held over until the next meeting.

President Peake told members that he believed, with the help of the Museum, the coin room could be made into an ideal room in which to hold our meetings. This would be done by removing the armor, which we have been informed is to be returned to the loaner, building two special display cases with flat tops that can also be used as meeting tables, a floorcovering that will be more homelike, pictures of some kind, preferably illustrating cases of the history of money, the improvement

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 589th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on February 1st 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

We hope soon, with the co-operation of the Museum, to have changes made in the coin room so that we can hold our meetings there. With the armor, which takes up so much room at present, moved, and two special flat top display cases, that may be used as tables, made for the center of the room, we will have an ideal place in which to meet. We are sure you will agree that the coin room will be much more agreeable than our present hall.

There will be a half hour discussion period during our next meeting at which time questions which are puzzling you will be answered. Bring in the pieces which you would like some information on and let's make this an instructive and interesting period.

If you have not purchased your copy of the 25th R.N.A. Presidential Medal get it at the next meeting. It has an excellent likeness of retiring President Powers.

AUCTION as usual after the meeting.
Help make the auction more successful
by bringing in material.

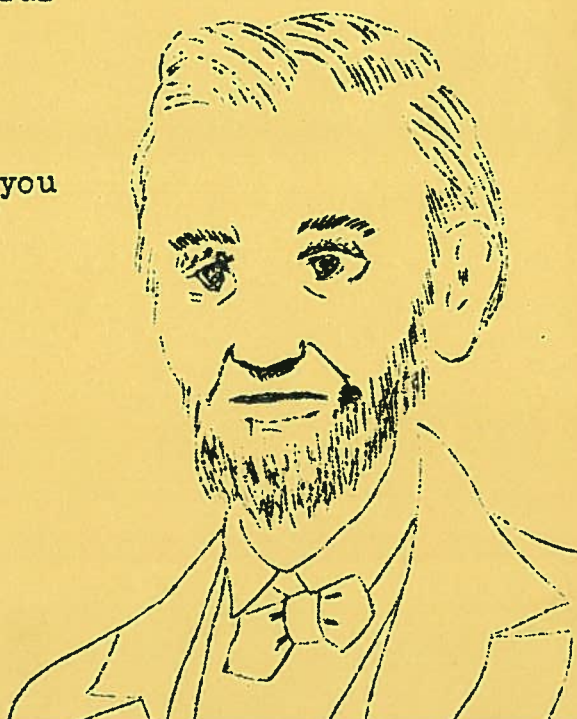
Do you have any Lincoln Medals?
If so bring them in, for exhibit.

Dues for 1938 are now payable. If you
are not at meeting and wish to pay
them, make check payable to,
Leslie Swartz, Treas.
508 Westfield St.
Rochester, N.Y.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

George Hoffenberg
270 So. Goodman St.
Howard Stone
256 Canterbury Rd.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.



Minutes of meeting of February 1st 1938

The 589th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on February 1st 1938, at the Rochester museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Store Exhibit reported some progress, but as they have not had a meeting their final report will be with-held until the next meeting.

Several of the members gave their opinion on the matter and it would seem that the general feeling is not in favor of an exhibit in a store.

Mr. Lindboe reported that he had accepted a donation from Mr. Charles Sterns for the Club collection. This consists of a bronze and lead Washington Medal, a Proof Masonic Washington Medal, nine, cent size hard time tokens of the 1837 variety, and eight Civil War Tokens. These pieces are all in very fine condition and are a good addition to our collection. Some of them are duplicates, but as they are better than those we have in our collection they will make very good exchanges.

Membership Chairman Sloane reported the following two applications accompanied with checks, Harold Stone, 256 Canterbury Rd. Attorney, and George Hoffenberg, 270 So. Goodman St. also an Attorney. Both of these applications were presented by Armond Weisbush. As the names of these two applicants had been published in a previous meeting notice, Mr. Cohen moved and Mr. Amberg second that they be accepted. CARRIED.

Letter from Mr. Waldo Moore relative to his desire to be appointed to the position of Secretary of the A.N.A. read. Mr. Bauer moved that the letter be recieved and placed on file and that it be acknowledged by the secretary.

Mr. Cohen reported that the books in our library are being cataloged and he expects to have it completed for the next meeting.

President Peake announced that Mr. Bauer will act as auctioneer for the coming year. Mr. Bauer made some objections, however said he would accept the assignment at least temporarily.

President Peake asked for volunteers to present a paper at Club meetings and recieved the following excellent results,

Feb. 15th Mr. Studley, Mar. 1st Mr. Cohen, Mar. 15th Mr. Bauer
Apr. 5th Mr. Donley, Apr. 19th Mr. Sloane, May 3rd Mr. Meinhart
May 17th Mr. Hayes, June 7th Mr. Bloom.

In response to the request that members bring in Lincoln Medals for exhibit, we were treated to two collections brought in by Mr. Bauer and Mr. Studley.

Meeting was then adjourned to the reffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.
Members present:- Peake, Plumb, Bloom, Bauer, Hayes, Cohen
Lindboe, Babin, Horner, Sloane, Swartz, Studley, Amberg,
Donley, Greene, Becker, Harzinski, Wasbush, Kolb, Meinhardt
Greendyke, and Elston.

The Committee on Store Exhibit reported some progress, but
as they have not had a meeting their final report will be
with-held until the next meeting.

Several of the members gave their opinion on the matter and
it would seem that the general feeling is not in favor of an
exhibit in a store.

Mr. Lindboe reported that he had accepted a donation from Mr.
Charles Stern for the Club collection. This consists of a
bronze and lead Washington Medal, a Proof Masonic Washington
Medal, nine cent size hard time tokens of the 1857 variety,
and eight Civil War Tokens. These pieces are all in very fine
condition and are a good addition to our collection. Some of
them are duplicates, but as they are better than those we have
in our collection they will make very good exchanges.

Membership Chairman Sloane reported the following two appli-
cations accompanied with checks, Harold Stone, 323 Canterbury
Rd. Attorney, and George Hollander, 370 So. Goodman St. also
an Attorney. Both of these applications were presented by
Armond Weisbach. As the names of these two applicants had
been published in a previous meeting notice, Mr. Cohen moved
and Mr. Amberg second that they be accepted. CARRIED.

Letter from Mr. Waldo Moore relative to his desire to be
appointed to the position of Secretary of the A.N.A. read.
Mr. Bauer moved that the letter be received and placed on
file and that it be acknowledged by the secretary.

Mr. Cohen reported that the books in our library are being
cataloged and he expects to have it completed for the next
meeting.

President Peake announced that Mr. Bauer will act as auction-
eer for the coming year. Mr. Bauer made some objections,
however said he would accept the assignment at least tempor-
arily.

President Peake asked for volunteers to present a paper at
Club meetings and received the following excellent results:

Feb. 15th Mr. Studley, Mar. 1st Mr. Cohen, Mar. 15th Mr. Bauer
Apr. 5th Mr. Donley, Apr. 19th Mr. Sloane, May 3rd Mr. Weisbach
May 17th Mr. Hayes, Jan. 1st Mr. Bloom.

In response to the request that members bring in Lincoln
Medals for exhibit, we were treated to two collections brought
in by Mr. Bauer and Mr. Studley.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 590th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on February 15th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

Our last meeting was very well attended and there were several faces there which we have not seen in some time. Your officers were pleased about this and hope future meetings will bring out more of you members who do not attend regularly.

We also had a dandy exhibit of Lincoln Medals. Let's see if we can have a better exhibit of Washington Medals at our next meeting.



To help make our meetings more interesting and instructive the following members have volunteered to prepare papers, which I am sure, will be of interest to all of us

Feb. 15th	Mr. G. Studley
Mar. 1st	Mr. J. Cohen
Mar. 15th	Mr. G. Bauer
Apr. 5th	Mr. A. Donley
Apr. 19th	Mr. J. Sloane
May 3rd	Mr. E. Meinhart
May 17th	Mr. H. Hayes
June 7th	Mr. B. Bloom

Wm. A. Elston Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of February 15th 1938.

The 590th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on February 15th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Studley reported, for his Committee, that there are several stores and a few banks available for a Club exhibit. Some of the banks have windows suitable for a display and in some cases would be needed. Mr. Greene moved and Mr. Amberg second that the Committee be authorized to make arrangements to place an exhibit in any bank they may choose, with the understanding there will be no expense to the Club. CARRIED. Eight members volunteered to loan material.

Mr. Powers was reported back in the hospital and Mr. Berinstein was reported very ill at home.

Mr. Sloane reported that he had received the following applications:- Mr. Charles C. Dumphrey, 535 Winton Rd. and Mr. Chas. H. Sterns, 8000 East Ave.

At this time the McKinley gold dollar which the Club raffled was drawn for and won by Mr. Barney Bloom.

President Peake advised Club members that starting next meeting our meetings were to begin at 8:00 instead of 8:30

A paper on Military Medals was presented by Mr. Studley which was much enjoyed by those present. He is to be commended for the very interesting and instructive talk.

A short question and answer period was conducted by Mr. Plumb after which Mr. Bauer divided the members into two teams and conducted a Numismatic question bee. The questions were taken from a book written by past A.N.A. president Mr. Fry.

Meeting adjourned to the Raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present:-Cohen, Peake, Greendyke Jr., Weisbush, Plumb, Amberg, Studley, Babin, Meinhart, Foster, Parker, Swartz, Bauer, Gillette, Kolb, Donley, Sloane, Hayes, Becker, Blum, Bloom, Greene, Lindboe and Elston. Visitors:- Chas. Dumplin and Paul Lange.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 591st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on March 1st at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MEETING WILL OPEN AT 8:00 P.M. PROMPT

Our last meeting was one of the best attended and most interesting we have had in some time. Mr. Studley gave a very interesting talk on Military Medals. Our speaker next Tuesday will be Mr. Jack Cohen. Come and spend an enjoyable evening.

Keep in mind we are entertaining the Caledonia Hobby Club on March 15th 1938.

Do you know that on February 21st the mints discontinued making the Buffalo nickel? The head of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, will be substituted. At the present time the government is conducting a competition among American sculptors to find a new design. The contest will be judged by Nellie T. Ross, Director of the Mint, and Heinz Warecke, Mrs. Sidney Waugh and Albert Stewart three noted aculptors. The prize to the winner will be \$1000.00.

Applications pending:-

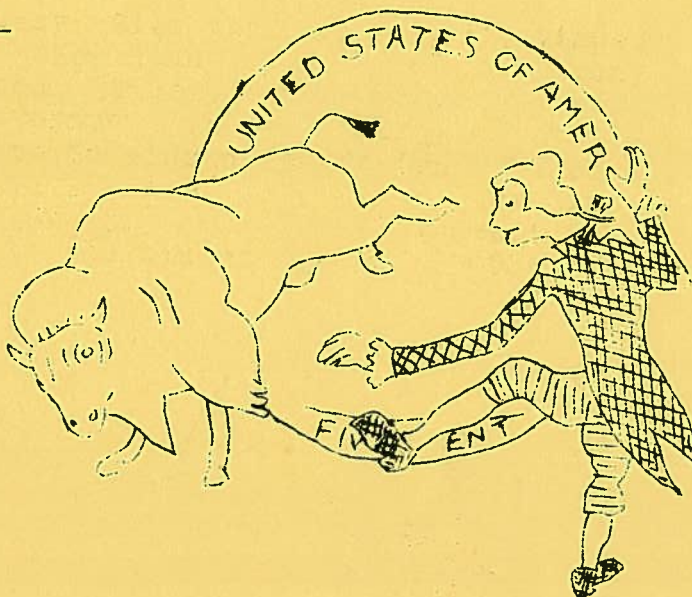
Chas. C. Dumphrey
535 Winton Rd.

Chas. H. Stearns
800 East Ave.

Auction as usual after
the meeting.

REMEMBER THE MEETING WILL
OPEN AT 8:00 PROMPT.

Wm.A. Elston, Secretary.



Minutes of the meeting of Mar. 1st 1938

The 591st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on March 1st at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Amberg reported he had talked with Mr. Murray of the Central Trust Co. and was told the bank will allow an exhibit in their office. They would like to know a day or two in advance so that arrangements may be made.

Moved by Mr. Babin and Secon by Mr. Amberg that the applications of Mr. Chas, Stearns and Mr. Chas, Dumprey be accepted. CARRIED.

Mr. Cohen reported that he had finished his job of cataloging the Club Library. He has a complete card file with books indexed by title and cross indexed by sub titles with some books being cross indexed under several different subjects. He is to be congratulated for the splended piece of work he did. Mr. Babin offered to make copies of this cataloge if someone would have the stencils cut.

Mr, Lindboe said a few words on the comming Hobby Show which is to be held in the Museum March 21st to 26th. It will cost individuals \$1.00 for exhibition space and 10 admission tickets, and \$3.00 for Club Exhibits. There will be a preview on March 20th.

President Peake advised the Club that on March 15th the Caladonia Hobby Club would attend our meeting in a body. He appointed Mr. Lindboe chairman, and Mr. Bloom and Blum to the committee in charge of the affair.

Mr. Cohen gave a short paper on Military and Honorary Medals which was enjoyed by those present. He was under a handicap as Mr. Studley had ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ at a previous date spoken on the same subject.

President Peake asked that members having coins they wished information on bring them in to our first April meeting.

A Numismatic Question Bee was conducted by Mr. Bauer. This seems to be a very good way to not only see how little we actually know about coins, but also a good way to become better posted.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present:-

Amberg, Harzinski, Swartz, Cohen, Weisbush, Greendyke, Greene, Lindboe, Kaufman, Bauer, Bloom, Babin, Donley, Plumb, Hayes, Blum, Kolb, Sloane, Meinhardt, Humphrey, Becker, Peake, Studley and Elston. VISITORS:- A. W. Dunbar and E. J. Foster.

The first meeting of the Rochester Association was held on March 1st at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Amberg reported he had talked with Mr. Murray of the Central Trust Co. and was told the bank will allow an exhibit in their office. They would like to know a day or two in advance as to what arrangements may be made.

Moved by Mr. Babin and second by Mr. Amberg that the applications of Mr. Chase, Stearns and Mr. Chase, Humphrey be accepted. CARRIED.

Mr. Cohen reported that he had finished his job of cataloging the Club library. He has a complete card file with books indexed by title and cross indexed by author with some books being cross indexed under several different subjects. He is to be congratulated for the splendid piece of work he did. Mr. Babin offered to make copies of this catalog if someone would have the stencils cut.

Mr. Lindboe said a few words on the coming Hobby Show which is to be held in the Museum March 21st to 28th. It will cost individuals \$1.00 for exhibition space and 10 admission tickets, and \$3.00 for Club Exhibits. There will be a preview on March 20th.

President Peake advised the Club that on March 15th the Galadonia Hobby Club would attend our meeting in a body. He appointed Mr. Lindboe chairman, and Mr. Bloom and him to the committee in charge of the exhibit.

Mr. Cohen gave a short paper on Military and Honorary Medals which was enjoyed by those present. He was under a handicap as Mr. Studley had HENRIKSEN at a previous date spoken on the same subject.

President Peake asked that members having coins they wished information on bring them in to our first April meeting.

A Nominating Question Box was conducted by Mr. Bauer. This seems to be a very good way to not only see how little we actually know about coins, but also a good way to become better posted.

Meeting adjourned to the next time and another.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 592nd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on March 15th 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting will open at 8:00 P.M. Sharp.

At this meeting we will entertain the Caledonia Hobby Club. It will be a mixed party, be sure to bring your wife or girl friend.

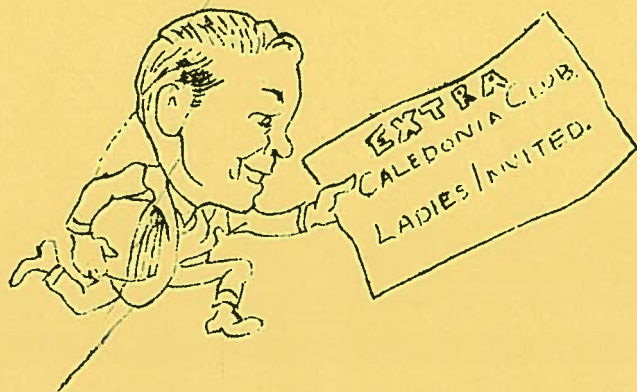
The committee in charge will be - G. Lindboe, J. Blum and B. Bloom. They are planning to serve a lunch and have asked that those willing to make a donation get in touch with Mr. Lindboe at his office, Stone 1482, or at his home in the evening, Monroe 6487, not later than Monday March 14th.

Mr. Bauer will be the speaker of the evening. Let's all turn out and show the Caledonia Club a good time.

Auction as usual. Bring in material.

IMPORTANT

According to our By-laws all dues except Honorary are payable before the first of April. If you have not taken care of yours, please do so, for you will want your name on the new 1938 membership list, which will be out the latter part of the month.



Application pending

Earl J. Foster
300 Aldine St.

Wm.A. Elston
Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of March 15th 1938

The 592nd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on March 15th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake presiding.

President Peake welcomed the members of the Caledonia Hobby Club who were our guests for the evening.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Membership chairman Mr. Sloane read the application of Mr. Earl J. Foster. Moved by Mr. Meinhart and second by Mr. Kolb that application be accepted. CARRIED.

Mr. Amberg informed the Club that it is possible to obtain a floating insurance policy at a cost of \$10.00 to insure a coin exhibit valued at \$500.00 exhibit to be insured when moved from place to place.

Mr. Bauer presented a paper on "Coins of Ancient Syracuse". This particular series of coins is considered by Mr. Bauer as his Hobby within a Hobby. His very interesting talk was made doubly interesting by the excellent exhibit which demonstrated the progress and improvement of die work from the early Arcade period to the final period of perfection.

Mr. Kolb moved and Mr. Sloane second that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mr. Bauer for his kindness in presenting this interesting paper. CARRIED.

In the absence of Mr. Day, President of the Caledonia Hobby Club, Mr. Bailey said a few words in appreciation of our invitation to attend our meeting.

Meeting adjourned to the auction which was conducted by Mr. Bauer.

After the auction, the meeting, which was held in the coin room, retired to our regular meeting place where a very enjoyable lunch was served by Mr. Lindboe and his committee.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present.

Kolb, Moore, Kaufman, Hayes, Swartz, Webb, Harzinski, Amberg, Weisbush, Sloane, Blum, Bloom, Plumb, Peake, Greendyke Jr., Babin, Becker, Meinhart, Lindboe, Dumphrey, Studley, Sunday, and Elston, Cohen.

Visitors.

Mrs. Sunday, Mrs. Kolb, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Tickner, Mrs. Meinhart, Mrs. Blum, Mrs. Dumphrey, H. W. Plumb, Caledonia Members.

Wilson, Sutherland, Palmer, Cowie, Dean, Judson, Bailey.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN.

MEETING NOTICE

The 593rd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on April 5th 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting will open at 8:00 P.M. Sharp.

ODD COIN NIGHT

At this meeting there is to be a question period when we will try to give you information on the coin you are doubtful about. Bring in any pieces you would like more information on and we will do our best to help you.

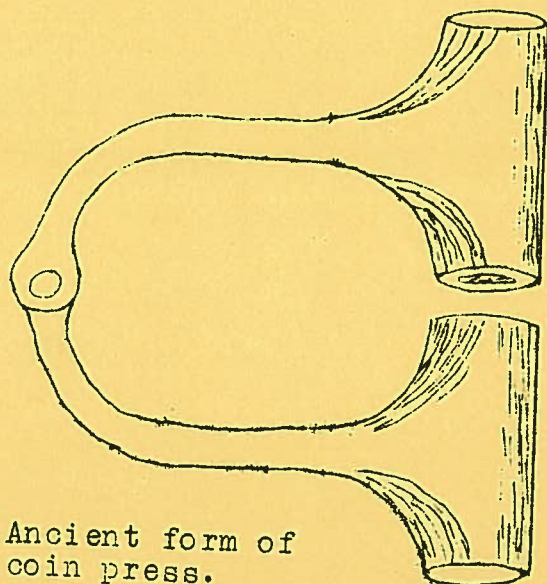
Our friend Mr. Kaufman is planning to exhibit a large stock of English silver and copper which no doubt will be of interest to you.

Mr. A.D. Donley is to be the speaker of the evening and will present a subject of interest to us all.

We expect to publish a new membership list at the end of the month. If you have not paid your dues for 1938 get in touch with our Club Treasurer Leslie C. Swartz, 508 Westfield St.

Coins were originally struck by placing a piece of metal between two steel dies and striking them with a hammer. In 1553 the first mill was invented and in 1617 the first engine was used for coining, and the first power press was introduced to our mint in 1836.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.



Ancient form of
coin press.

Minutes of meeting of April 5th 1938

The 593rd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on April 5th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved,

After discussing the matter of Club exhibiting in the local banks it was decided that we would exhibit and the secretary was appointed in charge. Messrs Mienhart, Blum, Babin and Peake volunteered to loan material.

Membership chairman Mr. Sloane, read the applications of Mr. Kenneth Martin and Mr. Clarence Streb.

By a verbal vote the Club agreed to hold a visitor night at our next meeting April 19th 1938

Mr. Lindboe was appointed ^{lunch} chairman to pick his own committee.

Mr. Meinhart was appointed chairman of the progame committee.

Mr. Plumb reported that Mr. Powers is in very poor shape and cannot be seen.

Mr. Lindboe reported on the Hobby Show. He considers the past show the best ever held and feels that they will continue to improve each year. He spent a part of every day at the show and was impressed with the interest shown by the general public in the Coin Club exhibit. Children of High School age were especially interested.

Mr. Sloane moved we extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Lindboe for the work he did in connection with the show. Carried.

President Peake announced that the Club would be on the air during the Hobby Hour on April 17 .

An interesting paper was presented by Mr. Donley titled "Comment on Media of Exchange". The paper covered a discussion of exchange used by primitive people and gradually carried thru to our present monetary system.

Mr. Bauer moved a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Donley for his very interesting and instructive paper. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Harzinski, Amberg, Peake, Plumb, Weisbush, Donley, Sloane, Hornor, Greendyke Jr., Lindboe, Kaufman, Cohen, Hayes, Kolb, Becker, Blum, Bauer, Studley and Elston.

VISITORS PRESENT.

Clarence Streb, Kenneth Martin, Leslie Liess, and A.W. Dunbar.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 594th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on April 19th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting to be called at 8:00 P.M.

This meeting is to be "VISITORS NIGHT". Make a special effort to bring at least one guest.

Mr. Lindboe has again been appointed chairman of the lunch committee. "Nuf Sed".

Mr. Sloane will be the speaker of the evening. His topic will be "How shall I start a collection?" This will be of special interest to our visitors, and I am sure that Mr. Sloane, out of his long experience in collecting, will have something of interest, even to the most seasoned collector. These little talks given by our members are both entertaining and instructive. Dont miss attending every meeting and take advantage of these talks.

In place of the usual auction Mr. Meinhart has been appointed chairman of the program committee, and you may be sure there will be something entertaining in store for you.

~~Please accept this meeting notice~~
~~as a special invitation to~~
~~YOU to attend this meeting.~~

Applications pending

Kenneth Martin
33 Breck St.

Clarence G. Streb
30 Holmdel Place

DONT FORGET TO GET IN
TOUCH WITH THAT FRIEND
OF YOURS.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.



Minutes of meeting of April 19 1938.

The 594th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on April 19 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Vice President Babin presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Membership chairman Mr. Sloane read the applications of Kenneth Martin and Clarence Streb. Mr. Lindboe moved that they be accepted into membership. CARRIED.

Club
Mr. Lindboe reported on the broadcast over W.H.A.M. The topic discussed was Colonial Coins and Paper Money.

Mr. Bauer called the members attention to the work being done by The American Numismatic Society in connection with the commeration of the 2000th anniversary of Emperor Augustus.

Meeting adjourned to the raffel and auction after which Mr. Meinhart conducted a question period with Messers Bauer, Gillette and Sunday as the final board of authority.

After a visit to the coin room a very enjoyable lunch was again served by Mr. Lindboe and his committee.

Members Present:-Amberg, Babin, Swartz, Plumb, Kaufman, Kolb, Harzinski, Sunday, Bauer, Weisbuch, Martin, Meinhart, Gillette, Studley, Cohen, Greendyke, Jr., Lindboe, Horner and Elston. Visitors, John Waugh, Steve Williams and Wm. Kruse.

Sloane, Blum, Streb.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 595th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on May 3rd 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting to be called at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Meinhart will be the speaker of the evening. He has hinted that instead of giving information to us he will come with a bag full of questions. Undoubtedly if he presents this kind of paper he will ask constructive questions so come prepared to give and receive some real information about our Hobby.

Below is a combined tabulation, taken from the Scrapbook, of Lincoln cents taken from circulation. Los Angeles Area 50000, Davenport Ia. Area 20000, and 100000 from no stated area.

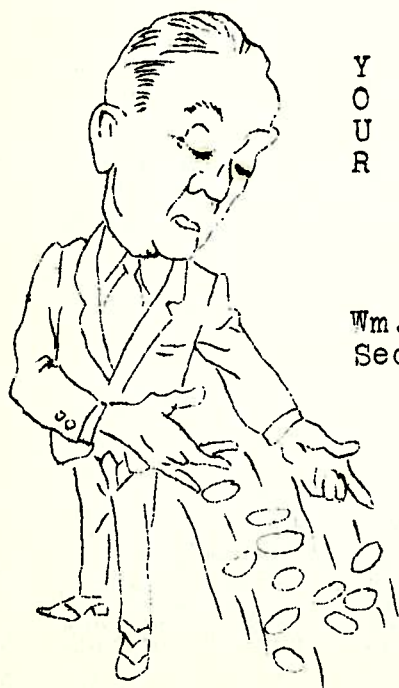
Auction as usual
at this meeting.

Bring in material.

D O N T
T H R O W
Y O U R
S C A R C E
C E N T S

Wm. A. Elston
Secretary.

	P	D	S
1909	617		110
1909VDB	534		11
1910	1674		190
1911	896	296	192
1912	768	353	206
1913	933	266	232
1914	1918	18	216
1915	541	350	169
1916	1861	621	660
1917	3117	801	1510
1918	3483	807	1518
1919	8308	1063	4182
1920	5798	1303	2645
1921	607		821
1922	3	145	
1923	860		630
1924	1223	31	1082
1925	2486	329	2213
1926	3449	318	206
1927	4658	618	1332
1928	3574	499	2170
1929	5704	758	6372
1930	10035	1329	3332
1931	719	106	26
1932	288	211	
1933	1009	82	
1934	14206	288	
1935	9333	440	8030
1936	28331	136	3612



Minutes of meeting of May 3 1938.

The 595th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on May 3rd 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Chairman of the Bank exhibit committee reported his committee would have a meeting next Monday.

President Peake reported he had declined an invitation to attend the May 2nd meeting of the Caledonia Hobby Club, because of the lateness of the invitation.

Mr. Lindboe presented the Club with an aluminum medal of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Washington Square which was dedicated on May 30 1892. ~~THE MEETING~~ Moved by Mr. Kolb and second by Mr. Plumb a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Lindboe for his donation. CARRIED.

Mr. Lindboe spoke of the discount given by ^{Foreign} publishers of coin books and suggested that Mr. Cohen get in touch with American publishers relative to their discount to American buyers. Mr. Babin offered the facilities of his business, in obtaining 40% discount for Club members.

Mr. Bauer spoke of a book which is to be published this fall by a publishing house in Vienna. This book will ~~be~~ treat all Ancient coins up to the fall of the Roman Empire. It will be published in German and will cost about 36 Austrian Shillings. The book is highly recommended by Mr. Bauer and he suggests that those who are interested ~~club~~ together for the benefit of a larger discount.

Mr. Lindboe read the application of Mr. Floyd Newell, 94 Monroe Pkwy.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Mr. Meinhart who conducted a question period. There were several ~~MEMBERS~~ very interesting questions brought up for discussion most of which were very completely answered by members.

Meeting adjourned to Raffle and Auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Messrs. Peake, Plumb, Cohen, Blum, Greene, Harzinski, Parker, Kolb, Horner, Sloane, Dumphrey, Hayes, Bauer, Streb, Martin, Babin, Donley, Greendyke, Jr., Weisbuch, Bloom, Lindboe, Gillette, Swartz, Studley, Ambergand Elston.
VISITORS:- Irving A. Nadritch, F.B. Newell.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 596th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on May 17th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting to be called at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Hayes will be the speaker of the evening and I am sure will have some interesting information to give us. Let's make a good showing for him.

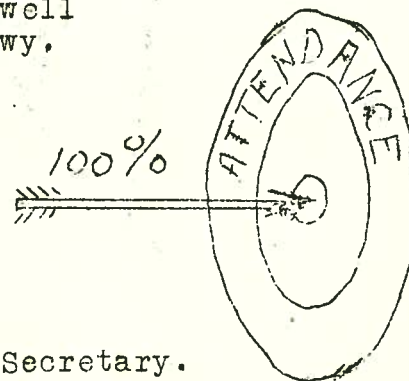
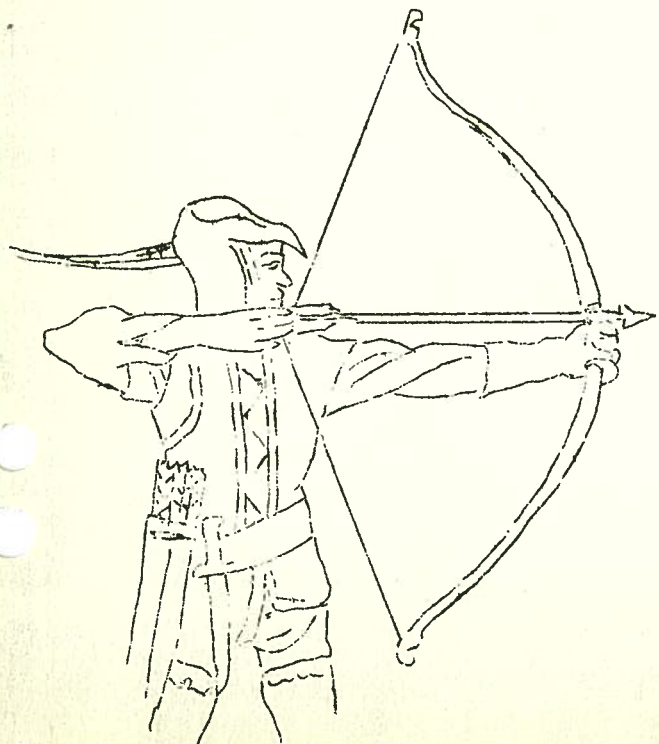
We are begining to have nice weather now but dont get so enthusiastic about working in the garden that it is too late to attend meeting. Remember the better attendance we have at meeting the more value it is to all of us.

According to the attendance book we held nineteen meetings last year. Mr. Sloane attended every meeting during the year. Messrs Plumb, Kell and Elston missed only one, and Messrs Bauer, Powers and Babin only two. These are enviable records and a good mark for all of us to shoot at.

Auction as usual at this meeting.
Bring in material, the more there
is to sell the better the auction

Application pending.

Mr. Floyd Newell
94 Monroe Pkwy.



Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of May 17 1938

The 596th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on May 17th 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake Presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Babin and second by Mr. Hayes that the application of Mr. Floyd Newell of No. 94 Monroe Pkwy. be accepted. CARRIED.

President Peake spoke of the disadvantage of having the Club library in the safe with the Club coins and suggested as a possible solution the purchase of a cheap bookcase. Mr. Bloom offered to donate a cabinet which he has if it is acceptable to the Club. This cabinet has five or six shelves and will need a lock installed. His offer was accepted with much thanks. Thru his offer he has saved the Club \$5.00 or \$6.00 as that is the least we could expect to purchase a suitable cabinet for.

Mr. Hayes presented a paper on the history of money which ^{was} both interesting and instructive.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present:-Streb, Martin, Greene, Peake, Plumb, Bloom, Greendyke Jr., Sloane, Grover, Kaufman, Harzinski, Swartz, Babin, Blum, Weisbuch, Amberg, Bauer, Horner, Hayes, Meinhardt, Kolb, E. Foster and Elston.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN.

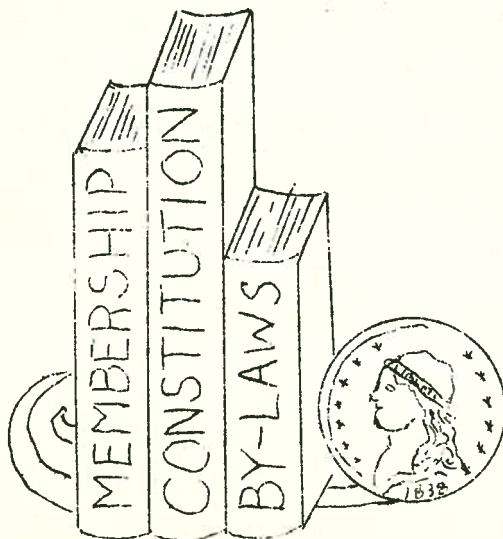
MEETING NOTICE

The 597th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on June 7 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

Mr. Barney Bloem will be the speaker of the evening. This will be the last meeting of the season that a paper will be presented by one of our members so make a special effort to be present.

We have prepared a little booklet, which will be distributed at this meeting, containing our membership list and a copy of our Constitution and By-laws.

AUCTION as usual after the meeting. Help make it more successful by bringing in material.



Wm. A. Elston
Secretary.

Rochester
Numismatic Association

Organized January 4, 1912



CONSTITUTION

By-Laws

1938 Membership

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC
ASSOCIATION

Branch No. 2 American Numismatic
Association

Organized January 4 1912

CONSTITUTION: BY-LAWS: MEMBERSHIP

MEETING NIGHT

The first and third Tuesday of each
Month. Rochester Museum, Edgerton pk

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

OBJECT

To foster the pursuit of Numismatics as a Science; to cultivate fraternal relations among collectors and students; to acquire and disseminate numismatic knowledge; to assist and encourage new collectors; to stimulate and advance affiliations between collectors and kindred organizations in the United States and foreign countries and to form and maintain a cabinet and library of Numismatic specimens and literature for the use and benefit of the members.

OFFICERS

1938

President	Secretary
F. Emmett Peake	Wm. A. Elston
Vice-President	Treasurer
Leonard Babin	Leslie Swartz
Curator	
G. J. Lindboe	

1

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Dr. G. P. French	Dr. S. Handler
H. H. Rowley	E. L. Stanley
W. H. Amberg	Ernest Soper
F. E. Merritt	E. H. Hawkins
W. J. Ballard	C. A. Harold
F. B. King	G. G. Emerich
L. J. Woolsey	J. M. Henderson
A. H. Plumb	Benj. Green
M. S. Gillette	Waldo C. Moore
I. B. Bernstein	J. A. Koeb
G. J. Bauer	Wm. Heislein
H. H. Yawger	Judson Brenner
J. T. Alling	B. Max Mehl
Jos. Hooper	Henry Chapman
L. G. Amberg	C. E. Bunnell
Dr. V. C. Comfort	C. F. Clarke

2

1938 MEMBERSHIP

Amberg, W.H. 180 Ormond St. (1)
 Babin, L.L. P.O. Box 708 (21)
 Bauer, E.G. 1462 Culver Rd. (23)
 Bauer, G.J. 210 St. Paul St. (3)
 Becker, L.A. 479 Lake View Pk. (43)
 Berinstein, I.B. 3 Front St. (26)
 Blake, G.H. 12 Highland Ave. (18)
 Bloom, B. 120 Rosalind St. (30)
 Blum, J.V. 63 Lake Front (31)
 Clarke, C.F. Union St. (5)
 Cohen, J. 230 East Ave. (34)
 Donley, A.D. Brighton High (27)
 Dumphy, C.C. 535 Winton Rd. N. (46)
 Elston, W.A. 184 Seville Dr. (35)
 Foster, E.J. 300 Aldine St. (48)
 Gillette, G.A. 1016 Wilder Bldg. (8)
 Greendyke Jr. J. 93 Fonthill Pk. (42)
 Greene, B.J. 122 Rosalind St. (39)
 Grover, F.B. 725 Clifford St. (24)
 Harzinaki, J.B. 9 Arlington St. (25)
 Hayes, H.F. 301 Meigs St. (41)
 Hoffenberg, C. 270 S. Goodman St. (45)
 Horner, J.W. 112 Comfort St. (7)
 Kaufman, A.J. 63 Colgate St. (6)

1938 MEMBERSHIP

Kolb, A.A. 453 Clinton Ave N. (12)
 Lindboe, G.J. 358 Main St. E. (80)
 Martin, K. 33 Breck St. (49)-50
 Mehl, B.M. Fort Worth Tex. (4)
 Meinhardt, E.F. 93 Bellevue Dr. (37)
 Moore, C.E. 122 Mulberry St. (32)
 Newell, F.B. 94 Monroe Pkwy. (51)
 Parker, Dr.A.C. Rochester Museum (13)
 Peake, C.A. 168 Troup St. (15)
 Peake, F.E. 168 Troup St. (14)
 Plumb, A.H. 24 Rowley St. (2)
 Potter, E.H. Coldwater, N.Y. (8)
 Powers, J.E. 31 Wilmington St. (28)
 Stearns, C.H. 800 East Ave. (47)
 Sloane, J.W. 66 Sullivan St. (16)
 Stone, H. 256 Canterbury Rd. (44)
 Streb, C.G. 30 Holmdel Pl. (50) 49
 Studley, W.F. 115 Maryland St. (36)
 Sunday, W.F. 151 Malling Dr. (10)
 Swartz, L.C. 508 Westfield St. (38)
 Webb, F.E. 91 St. Paul St. (33)
 Weisbuch, A. 101 Culver Rd. (40)
 Weisbuch, M. 101 Culver Rd. (29)
 Woolsey, W.E. 403 S. Lincoln Rd. (17)
 Wormser, M. 95 Fifth Ave. (11)
 New York City.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name. This Association shall be known as the Rochester Numismatic Association, branch to the American Numismatic Association.

ARTICLE II Object. The object of the Association shall be to bring the Numismatists of the section into a closer union, to be cemented by bonds of goodfellowship; also that its members may write papers and give talks on coins at the regular meetings and do everything in their power to stimulate the science of numismatics.

ARTICLE III Membership. Any person of good character who is trustworthy and approved by members of the Association, after a proper ballot, may become a member by paying into the treasury the sum of \$2.00 yearly in advance, payable first meeting in January each year, which with the initiation fee, shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Association, and no member who is in arrears for more than three months shall be permitted the rights of membership until such delinquencies are paid.

ARTICLE IV Officers. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator and an Executive Committee of three members to be elected as the members of this Association shall determine.

ARTICLE V President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this Association, to preserve order, to appoint all committees, and assume such further duties as usually appertain to the presiding officers of assemblies.

ARTICLE VI Vice-President. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, and during such absence, to perform the duties of that officer.

ARTICLE VII Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the meetings of this Association, register the names of members, issue all notices required and to do such correspondence as by resolution may be ordered.

ARTICLE VIII Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and expended and to report as to the condition of the treasury as often as shall be required of him by the Association.

ARTICLE IX Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to provide a place for holding meetings of the Association, to act as a committee on the Constitution and By-Laws and Rules for the Association.

ARTICLE IXa Curator. It shall be the duty of the Curator to keep an accurate account of the Association's coin collection and library, to report as to the condition of the collection and library annually or as often as shall be required of him by the Association.

ARTICLE X Duration of Office. Each of the Officers of this Association shall hold his office for the term of one year from the first meeting in January thereof. If any member shall take office at any time during the year, to fill the unexpired term of any officer, he shall hold that office to the end of the year.

ARTICLE XI Election of Officers. The election of Officers of this Association shall take place at the last meeting in December of each year. The Officers so elected shall take their respective positions at the first meeting in January following.

ARTICLE XII Amendments. No alteration, either by addition or amendment of the Constitution, shall be made without previous notice of one meeting when the change shall be indicated by resolution. This change shall come as a special order of business on the evening designated for its introduction and be then considered by the members present, who shall be a quorum of the entire active

membership of the Association. A two-thirds vote in the affirmative being necessary to adoption.

ARTICLE XIII Honorary Members. This Association, by a two-thirds vote at any quorum meeting, shall have power to admit persons as Honorary Members who will be entitled to the privileges of the Association but shall not be amendable to the rules and regulations prescribed for regular active members.

ARTICLE XIV Quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least five members.
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Meetings. This Association shall meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month for the transaction of such business as shall be up for consideration in the order hereinafter named.

ARTICLE II Dues. All members except honorary members, shall pay the sum of \$3.00 per year in advance, which, with the initiation fees, shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Association; and no member

who is in arrears for more than one full quarter shall be permitted the rights of membership until such delinquencies are paid.

SECTION 2 Any member of the Association upon the payment of Fifty Dollars may become a life member, the proceeds from such fund to be invested in securities considered safe for estates and savings banks.

ARTICLE III Expulsions. Any member who shall refuse to conform to the Constitution, By-Laws and regulations of this Association may, by a two-thirds vote of a quorum meeting, be expelled, but no vote shall be taken without one week's previous notice of a resolution for such expulsion. When such vote is taken, the member under vote shall be heard in his own defense. In the event of such member not being present when cited to appear, and not giving satisfactory reason, he may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SECTION 2 If any member shall receive coins from any other member

of this Association or any member of the American Numismatic Association, or any other person, and shall keep the same for two months without settlement, unless specific arrangements are made with the owner of the coins, he may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IV Amendments. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote, notice of such alteration or amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE V Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Association may be ordered by the President upon the written request of five or more members.

ARTICLE VI Voting. All voting for officers or members shall be by voice or ballot, at the option of the members, the majority ruling.

ARTICLE VII Committees. All committees ordered by a vote of the

Association shall be appointed by the President; and all members appointed on said committee must act, unless excused by a vote of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII Order of Business. The order of business for each regular meeting shall be as follows; unless by special vote or constitutional provision a change shall be made in this order, viz:-

1. The call to order by the President.
2. calling the roll by the Secretary or his substitute, the Treasurer, in the Secretary's absence.
3. Reading the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary.
4. Verbal propositions for membership.
5. Voting for members proposed at the previous meeting.
6. Report of standing committees; of the Secretary, of the Treasurers.
7. Report of special committees.
8. Special order of business.
9. Reading of paper on some coin subject, discussion of coins and exhibition of coins.

10. Unfinished business
11. New business.
12. Adjournment.

13

MEMBERS present.

Streb, Martin, Weisbush, Kaufman, Plumb, Parker,
Cohen, Ambler, Peake, Horner, Sloane, Humphrey,
Bloom, Greene, Newell, Lindboe, Babin, Gillette,
Bauer, Haas, and Elston.
Minutes of meeting of June 7 1938

The 597th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on June 7 1938 at the Rochester museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake Presiding

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Outline of Bank exhibit read by Mr. Elston.

Moved by Mr. Cohen and second by Mr. Weisbush that some of the material the Club has in the safe be loaned for this exhibit. CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Horner and second by Mr. Sloane that Club have an outing on Saturday June 18th. CARRIED.
Moved by Mr. Plumb and second by Mr. Babin that we have outing at Point Peake. CARRIED.

The matter of the Tri-State meet at Jamestown was discussed and a few of our members plan to attend.

Mr. Sloane suggested that we make a special affair of our 600th meeting which will be held in August. Moved by Mr. Babin and second by Mr. Streb that we suspend our regular August meeting and in it's place have an all day meeting on August 6th 1938 (Saturday) in celebration of our 600th meeting. CARRIED.

Mr. Meinhart was appointed chairman of the committee for this affair with Messrs. Martin, Hoffenberg and Plumb as his committee, To report back to our next meeting.

Mr. Greene presented a paper prepared by Mr. Bloom titled "History of the United States Trade Dollar". This was a very interesting paper and Mr. Bloom deserves a lot of credit for the instructive way it was prepared.

Moved by Mr. Lindboe that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Bloom for preparing the paper and Mr. Greene for presenting it and suggested that it be used as manuscript for the Museum Service. CARRIED.

A copy of the paper has been sent to Mrs. Nita ~~Kaufman~~ Feldman

A copy of our 1938 membership and Constitution and By-Laws was distributed to members present.

Meeting adjourned to the Raffle and Auction.

(over)

MEMBERS present.

Streb, Martin, Weisbuch, Kaufman, Plumb, Parker,
Cohen, Amberg, Peake, Horner, Sloane, Dumphrey,
Bloom, Greene, Newell, Lindboe, Babin, Gillette,
Bauer, Hayes, Meinhart, Sunday, Blum, Harzinski,
Studley and Elston,-

The 50th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Assoc-
iation was held on June 7 1938 at the Rochester
Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake Presiding

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Outline of Bank exhibit read by Mr. Elston.

Moved by Mr. Cohen and second by Mr. Weisbuch that
some of the material the Club has in the safe be
loaned for this exhibit. CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Horner and second by Mr. Sloane that
Club have an outing on Saturday June 18th. CARRIED.
Moved by Mr. Plumb and second by Mr. Babin that we
have outing at Point Peake. CARRIED.

The matter of the Tri-State meet at Jamestown was
discussed and a few of our members plan to attend.

Mr. Sloane suggested that we make a special affair
of our 600th meeting which will be held in August.
Moved by Mr. Babin and second by Mr. Streb that
we suspend our regular August meeting and in its
place have an all day meeting on August 8th 1938
(Saturday) in celebration of our 600th meeting. CARRIED.

Mr. Meinhart was appointed chairman of the committee
for this affair with Messrs. Martin, Hoffenberg and
Plumb as his committee, to report back to our next
meeting.

Mr. Greene presented a paper prepared by Mr. Bloom
titled "History of the United States Trade Dollar".
This was a very interesting paper and Mr. Bloom
deserves a lot of credit for the instructive way
it was prepared.

Moved by Mr. Lindboe that a vote of thanks be given
Mr. Bloom for preparing the paper and Mr. Greene
for presenting it and suggested that it be used as
manuscript for the Museum Service. CARRIED.

A copy of the paper has been sent to Mrs. Winkelman
Felman

A copy of our 1938 membership and Constitution and
By-Laws was distributed to members present.

Meeting adjourned to the Raffle and Auction.

(over)

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 598th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on SATURDAY JUNE 18 1938 at POINT PEAKE? IRONDEQUOIT BAY.

This will be a combination meeting and picnic so come prepared to have a good time. Mr. Sloane will be there to defend his title as champion horse shoe pitcher and for you who can still take it there will be base ball. If you play cards you can find a shady spot and enjoy yourself that way.

We will meet at 1:00 P. M. at the Genesee Motors, Sp. Paul and Franklin. If you dont drive there will be room with someone else.

Keep in mind that we are planning a special celebration on Saturday August 6th, in commemoration of our 600th meeting. Mr. Weinhardt has been appointed general chairman and we will make this an all day affair.



Remember the next meeting.

TIME:- SATURDAY JUNE 18th.

PLACE:- GENESEE MOTORS.

SP. PAUL and FRANKLIN.

Wm. A. Elston
Secretary.

Come and keep cool.

Minutes of meeting of June 18 1938

The 598th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held as a combined meeting and outing on June 18 1938 at Point Peake, with sixteen members present.

The afternoon was spent in playing games. Base ball for the young fellows, Mr. Kaufman, 79 years young, being one of the star players, and cards and horse shoes for the others.

From last reportes Mr. Slowne still maintains his champion-ship at horse shoes but there seems to be some who dispute his right to this title.

All in all an enjoyable afternoon was spent by those present.

WM. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members Present:-Amberg, Babin, Bauer, Blum, Elston, Greendyke Harzinski, Horner, Kaufman, Kolb, Martin, Meinhart, Peake, C.A. Peake, F.E. Plumb and Streb.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 599th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on July 5 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting to be called at 8:00 P.M. PROMPT.

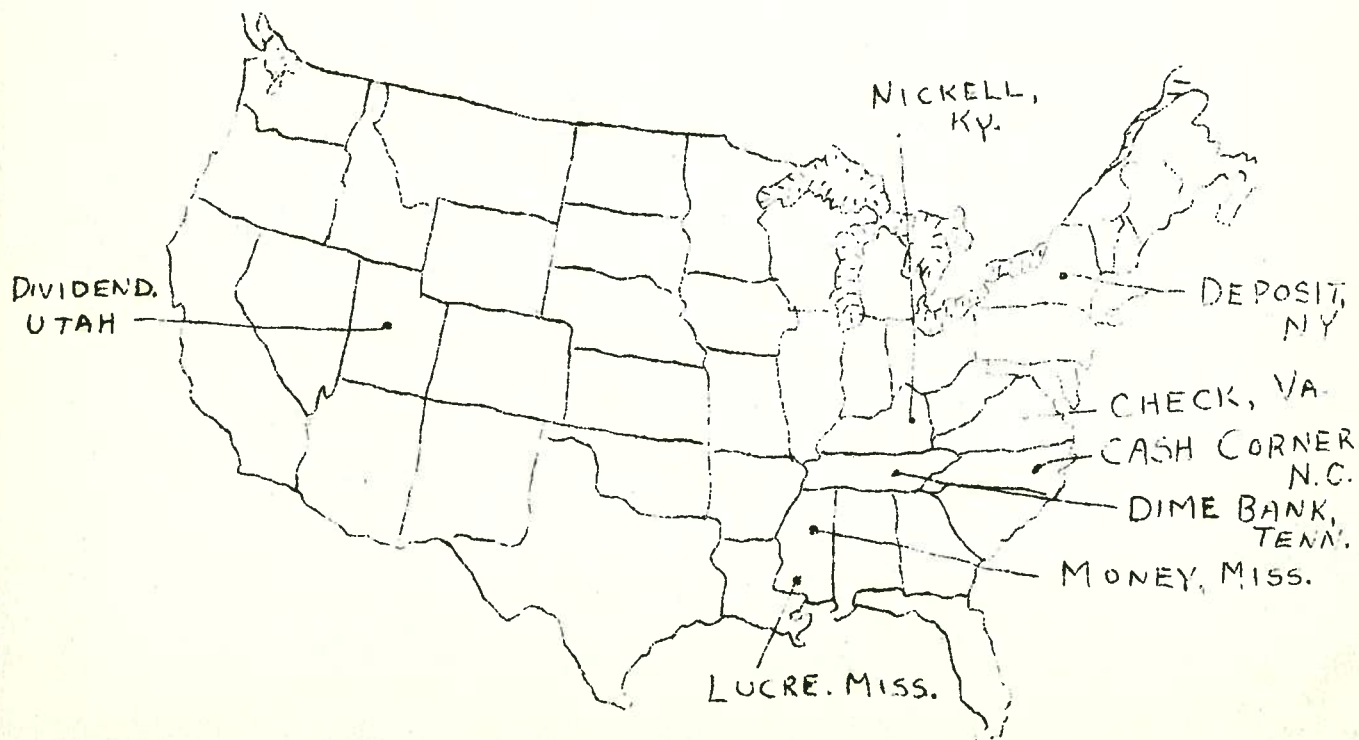
At this meeting we will make final plans for the celebration of our 600th meeting, which will be an all day outing. Be sure to save the day AUGUST 6th 1938. We all had a wonderful time at our last outing, held at Point Peake, and we are planning on a bigger and better time at our 600th meeting.

You members who collect stamps may be interested to know that there are several towns in the U. S. A. that have Numismatic names. Let's see if we can have a collection of covers from these towns for exhibit at our first meeting in September.

Auction as usual at our next meeting. Bring in material.

Your officers wish you a very pleasant summer.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary



Minutes of meeting of July 5 1938.

The 599th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on July 5 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Letter from Columbus Numismatic Society relative to the A.N.A. convention in August read. Three members signified their intention to attend.

Letter from Stack's relative to donation of tokens read. One of these tokens was given to each member present.

Mr. Harzinski reported that Jim Powers is still in very poor condition. He was taken back to the hospital last Friday.

Mr. Sloane suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Powers expressing our sympathy and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Moved by Mr. Elston that Mr. Harzinski be thanked by the Club for his donation of covers for our Membership booklet and also a Denonville medal to be used in a Club auction. CARRIED.

Requirments for earning a Scout Merit badge by Boy Scouts read By Mr. Elston.

President Peake asked for an expression of opinion as to what type of programe the Club wished for the coming fall season. The following was suggested:- Numismatic Papers, Question Night, Invitation to Caledonia Club, and Lunch at the first meeting of each month.

Moved by Sloane and second by Kaufman that we hold an outing on Saturday July 16 1938 at Point Peake or Earl Potters. CARRIED.

Moved by Babin and second by Swartz that we hold outing at Point Peake. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned to raffel and auction.

Wm. A. Elston Secretary.

Members Present:-Cohen, Bloom, E.Foster, Plumb, Kaufman, Babin, Horner, Hayes, Dumphrey, Peake, Swartz, Kolb, Streb, Martin, Harzinski, Greendyke, Newell, Amberg, Sloane, Studley and Elston.
Visitors:- Leslie Liess, Joseph Penella.

MEETING NOTICE

This will be the last outing of the summer season so be sure to come and have a good time. Remember that this is to be a regular meeting so if you are aiming at a perfect attendance record for the year be sure to attend.

Our next regular meeting will be held on September 20th at Edgerton Park when we will start our regular fall and winter season. We are making plans for a very interesting series of meetings so start off right by attending.

The image displays three circular patterns of the number '600'. Each pattern is composed of 12 '600's arranged in a ring. The first pattern on the left is a simple ring. The second pattern in the middle has a small gap at the top. The third pattern on the right has a small gap at the top and a small mark on the left side of the ring.

REMEMBER the NEXT MEETING

TIME:- SATURDAY AUGUST 6 1938. at 1:00 P.M.

PLACE MEET AT GENESEE MOTORS

ST. PAUL and FRANKLIN.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of August 6, 1938

The 600th meeting was held at Point Peake as a combined meeting and outing.

President Peake presided at a short meeting. L. L. Babin acted as Secretary pro-tem in the absence of Mr. Elston.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Letter read from the Cortland Coin Club in reference to a date for the Central N. Y. Meet in which they set several dates for consideration. The majority of members voted for October 15, 1938. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Cortland Club of this date.

A motion was carried voting \$3 to Dr. Peake for deficiency of members leaving early.

Mr. Harzinski reported that Mr. Powers is much better. He walked a bit and was convalescing at the lakeside.

The following resolution was carried: In case of necessity any three officers of the R. N. A. appearing together in person may have access to the collection and other properties of the organization usually under the jurisdiction of the curator, and that the Museum be so notified and authorized to make such access possible.

The meeting was then adjourned to the third Tuesday in September.

L. L. Babin

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN.

MEETING NOTICE

The 601st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on September 20, 1938, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

We hope you have had a pleasant summer and are ready to give your Hobby some serious consideration.

At this meeting we are especially anxious to have a good turn out so that we can map plans for the coming winter. Be sure to be present.

Here's another date to keep open. SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 1938 On this day the Central New York meet will be held in Cortland when we will be guests of the Cortland Numismatic Assn. More about this at the meeting.

Auction as usual at this meeting. Do your part in making it successful by bringing in material.

Following are a few statements that may or may not be true Put a circle around the "T" if you believe the statement to be true and around the "F" if you believe it false. Bring this notice to the meeting and we will give you the correct answers.

There were 24 Dimes minted in San Francisco mint in 1895. T F

N.Y. City was the birth place of Encased Postage stamps. T F

U.S. Half cents were first coined in 1794. T F

The first U.S. Mint was established by Congress in 1792. T F

A U.S. Double Eagle (\$20.00) weighs 516 grains. T F

QUESTIONS

1. What are Oak Tree Coins, when were they issued and in what denomination?

2. What is a Copperhead?

What is a Proof coin?

4. When was nickel first used for coins by the United States.

5. Which U.S. Twenty-cent piece is the scarcest?

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of September 30 1938

The 601st meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on September 20 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Bauer reported on the Columbus Convention and told the members of some interesting side lights. The convention was very well attended and the officers reports show that the A.N.A. is in a very flourishing condition. Next year's convention will be held in New York probably at a later date than usual because of the hot weather. This was the 25th convention that Mr. Bauer has attended. The only one he missed, since his first convention, being in 1915.

Mr. Amberg reported that Mr. Berinstein, who recently had a serious operation, is home, but will be unable to have visitors for a week or ten days. Mrs. Berinstein said that a card would be appreciated, but she would rather the Club not go to the expense of flowers.

Mr. Lindboe read an article from the August Scrap-book, commenting on how misleading some Numismatic news is. This particular article was answered in the September Number.

Mr. Sloane read the application of Mr. Francis L. Cady, 1130 Granite Bldg.

Mr. Newell outline a plan for presenting Numismatics to the Scouts of the Rochester area. The plan was very well accepted by the Club and Mr. Swartz moved that the Club Co-operate with Scout Organization along the lines outlined by Mr. Newell. CARRIED.

Mr. Kolb presented a Gettysburg Medal to the Club on behalf of Bastain Bros. This medal was the G.A.R. Convention badge for the 75th G.A.R. convention held in Gettysburg this past summer. The die was cut by our good friend and member, Alphonse Kolb.

Moved by Mr. Babin that a letter of thanks be sent to Bastain Bros. CARRIED.

Numismatic questions and true and false statements were answered at this time and apparently our members are well informed as most of the questions were answered correctly.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present:- Donley, Peake, Bloom, Babin, Martin, Streb, Weisbuch, Bauer, Lindboe, Newell, Kaufman, Meinhart, Harzinski, Kolb, Plumb, Sloane, Amberg, Cohen, Swartz, and Elston.
Visitors:- Francis Cady and Benjamin Christian.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 602nd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on October 4 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. Meeting to be called at 8:00 P. M.

We had a fairly good turn out at our last meeting but there were a few old faces that we missed ~~you were one.~~

Auction as usual at this meeting.

Remember to keep Saturday October 29th open for the Central New York Convention to be held in Cortland. They promise us a very entertaining afternoon and evening.

Following are our questions for next meeting.

6. What is a Hudson Bay Token?

7. What is a Demand Note?

8. What is the value of the paper on which they are printed?

9. What is a U. S. Eagle and when were they first minted?

10. What does the term " Silly Head" refer?

The dating of money in the modern chronological order began near the end of the 14th century. T F

Colonial paper money was issued by the following States:- Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, N. Carolina, S? Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut and Kentucky. T F

All American Gold and Silver coins are 99-100 pure or .99 fine. T F
T

The first coin issued under the authority of the U. S. was the Half Cent of 1793. T F

At the present time there are three branch mints in the U. S. but there were five others which have been closed. T F

Wm. A. Elston Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of October 4, 1938

The 602nd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on October 4, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Science, President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Under old business President Peake appointed the following as members of the Boy Scout Committee: Mr. Newell, chairman, Mr. Lindboe and Mr. Elston.

He also read a tentative program of meeting of Boy Scout Troop #199 to be held on October 24, 1938 in the Auditorium of Brighton High School.

In response to a call for volunteers to present papers at our next four meetings the following arrangements have been made--

October 18, 1938	Mr. Babin
November 1, 1938	Mr. Sunday
November 15, 1938	Mr. Swartz
December 6, 1938	Mr. Meinhart

Motion made by Mr. Elston and seconded by Mr. Lindboe, that as the printer made an error of omission in failing to announce the application of Mr. Francis Cady of 1130 Granite Building we dispense with the usual procedure and elect him into membership without the usual publication. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Lindboe, Curator, asked members who had duplicates of 1926, 1931, 1932 and 1933 Lincoln cents in uncirculated condition to donate one to the Club in order to complete this series in the Club collection.

Numismatic question and true and false statements again created some interesting discussion.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present: Meinhart, Streb, Sloane, Hayes, Blum, Plumb, Kolb, Lindboe, Swartz, Kaufman, Peake, Martin, Babin, Cady, Sunday, Bauer and Elston.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 603rd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on October 18, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park. IMPORTANT This meeting will start promptly at 8:00 P. M. Please keep this in mind.

At this meeting Mr. Babin will present a paper which I am sure will interest all of us. A program of papers has been arranged for the balance of the year, so don't miss any future meetings.

Mr. Lindboe, our Curator, has asked for the following uncirculated Lincoln cents to complete the Club collection:- 1926 1931 - 1932 and 1933.

If you are planning to go to the Cortland convention, Oct 29 1938 let us know at this meeting or get in touch with Mr. Peake or myself in the meantime. We must know not later than October 20, 1938.

Auction as usual. Bring in material.

This week's questions.

11. What is a Gobrecht Dollar?
12. What is Rag Money?
13. What is a Fugio Cent?
14. What are Alliance Coins?
15. What is a Bender?

True and False.

There has been over 250,000 different coins struck since the striking of coins originated. T F

"Pieces of eight" are generally known as "Cob Money". T F

Canada adopted the decimal system in 1877. T F

The first coin struck by the Colonies was the New England Shilling struck in Boston in 1652. T F

The State of Confusion has recently issued a new form of Currency. T F

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 1938

The 603rd meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on October 18, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

President Peake told the members he had received an invitation from the Caledonia Hobby Club to attend their meeting on October 19, 1938. About eight members planned to attend.

There were also eight who planned to go to the Cortland Convention.

The book-case which Mr. Bloom gave to the Club is now in the Museum shop where it will be refinished to match the furniture in the Coin Room.

Moved by Mr. Lindboe and seconded by Mr. Meinhart that we invite the Central New York Meet to Rochester next year.
CARRIED.

An interesting paper on British Insigna and Medals was presented by Mr. Babin. He also exhibited a tray of medals.

Mr. Newell has developed a method of making lantern slides to illustrate coins and demonstrated it, much to the pleasure of members present.

It was reported that Mr. Horner has had another eye operation and Mr. Powers is well enough to work two or three hours per day.

Mr. Studley gave a very interesting talk of his recent trip to California where he attended the Legion National Convention.

After our usual question period the meeting was adjourned to the auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present: Streb, Martin, Kaufman, Babin, Cady, Meinhart, Lindboe, Hayes, Weisbuch, Newell, Kolb, Greene, Amberg, Sloane, Donley, Plumb, Greendyke Jr., Studley, Sunday, Bauer, Gillette, Peake, Dumphrey and Elston.
Visitors: Gordon Newell, Leslie Liess.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 604th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on November 1st 1935 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

IMPORTANT

THIS MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8:00 P. M.

The speaker of the evening will be Billy Sunday. If you have listened to him give a paper I'm sure you will be present next Tuesday. Possibly his talk will be illustrated with lantern slides which will make it doubly interesting.

The Cortland Convention will be held Saturday the 29th and we will have a report on that.

Auction as usual at this meeting. If you have any duplicates to dispose of bring them in.

This week's questions.

16. What is a Bank Note?

17. What is a Blend Dollar?

18. What is a Bryan Dollar?

19. What is the origin of the word "Dollar"?

20. What is Continental Currency?

True and False

The new Jefferson Nickel was designed by Felix Schlag. T F
The U. S. is the only Country which uses the \$ sign. T F
The type II? 1917 Quarter has three stars under the Eagle while type I has no stars under the Eagle. T F
Continental Currency was issued in 22 denominations. T F
Rosa Americana Coins were struck in England. T F

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of November 1, 1938

The 604th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on November 1, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Lindboe reported that he still needs 1931-32-33 and 38 Lincoln cents to complete Club collection. Mr. Greendyke said that he would donate them.

Mr. Lindboe also reported on the meeting at Caledonia and the Cortland convention. There were 8 members attended Caledonia and all had an enjoyable evening. Five members attended the Cortland convention. National President Ripstra was the speaker of the evening. Our invitation to meet in Rochester next year was read but there was no action taken by the convention at the time.

President Peake spoke of the section in our by-laws calling for an executive committee, which has not existed for a number of years. After considerable discussion Mr. Cohen moved, and Mr. Martin second that the section of our by-laws calling for an executive committee be removed by proper procedure. MOTION LOST.

The following nominating committee was appointed by President Peake. Mr. Blum chairman, Mr. Sloane and Mr. Greendyke. They are to present their nominations at the first meeting in December.

Mr. Lindboe welcomed Mr. Powers back in the Club and expressed best wishes.

Mr. Powers expressed thanks for the attention shown by the Club during his recent prolonged illness. He spent every Holiday from Xmas to Labor Day in the hospital.

A short but interesting talk on Porcelain money of Siam was given by Mr. Sunday.

During the Auction several specimens of porcelain pieces were sold.

Meeting adjourned to the Raffle and Auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present: Sloane, Plumb, Kaufman, Bloom, Cohen, Meinhart, Cady, Horner, Greendyke, Weisbuch, Martin, Streb, Powers, Sunday, Amberg, Peake, Lindboe, Newell, Kolb, Blum, Dumphrey, Swartz and Elston. Visitor: Lee H. Sherwood, 632 Averill Ave.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 605th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on November 15, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Leslie Swartz. No doubt he will have a subject that will interest all of us. Let's make a good showing for him.

Auction as usual at this meeting. Help make the auction more interesting by bringing in material.

This week's questions.

21. What is a Shekel?

22. What does the word "Gold" mean?

23. What is a Kopeck?

24. What is a Quid?

25. What is Boston Money?

True and False.

Connecticut Cents were struck from 1785 to 1788. T F

Alc Silver refers to the money spent for Alc in England. T F

An Anna is half a Rupee. T F

"Jane" and "Jack" have the same Numismatic meaning. T F

Porcelain Money still circulates in Siam. T F

Wm. A. Elston Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 1938

The 605th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on November 15, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Babin reported that the convention committee of Central New York had accepted our invitation to meet in Rochester in 1939.

Mr. Harzinski presented the Club with a medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the city of Toledo.

Moved by Mr. Kolb and seconded by Mr. Cohen that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Harzinski for his kindness. CARRIED.

Mr. Bauer spoke of the benefits of the A. N. A. and suggested that once a month the A. N. A. be discussed for the information of our members who do not belong.

Mr. Swartz presented a very interesting paper on Small U. S. Cents. Moved by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mr. Gillette that a vote of thanks be extended Mr. Swartz for the very interesting paper he presented. CARRIED.

A short period was devoted to our numismatic questions and true and false statements.

Moved by Mr. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Swartz that we postpone our regular meeting of January 3rd to January 7th for our Annual Banquet. CARRIED. Moved by Mr. Plumb and seconded by Mr. Babin that we hold the banquet at the Seneca. CARRIED.

President Peake appointed the following to serve on the Banquet committee: Mr. Lindboe, chairman, Mr. Newell and Dr. Cady to make tentative report at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present: Plumb, Cohen, Streb, Harzinski, Peake, Bauer, Swartz, Martin, Babin, Lindboe, Newell, Cady, Amberg, Gillette, Bloom, Meinhart, Studley and Elston. Sloane.
Visitor: H. G. Aldridge.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 606th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on December 6, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

Mr. Meinhart will be the speaker of the evening. His topic will be "Civil War Tokens" and Mr. Newell will illustrate his talk with lantern slides. For your information Mr. Meinhart has one of the largest collections of Civil War Tokens in the Club.

Remember that at this meeting we will have nominations of officers for the year 1939. Election of officers will be held at the December 20th meeting.

Be sure to keep Saturday January 7, 1939 open. It was voted at our last meeting to hold our Annual Banquet on that date. Mr. Lindboe, chairman, will make a tentative report at our next meeting.

If you have been saving this years meeting notices and find you lack a few copies, make a note of the date as I have a few of each date which I will have at the meeting.

Auction as usual.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of December 6, 1938

The 606th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on December 6, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Lindboe made a brief report on our Annual Banquet. It was decided to make it an open meeting so we could invite our family and friends and also to meet in the afternoon for a social hour before the Banquet. Arrangements will be made for 40 or 50 dinners.

Mr. Lindboe also reported, that the Club has been invited to attend a meeting, to be held at the Museum on January 10, 1939, which is being sponsored by the Hobby Council. The topic of the evening will be coins and will be illustrated by lantern slides.

The nominating committee presented the following nominations for officers for 1939.

President - Mr. Babin
Vice Pres.- Mr. Swartz
Treasurer - Mr. Meinhart
Secretary - Mr. Elston, Mr. Greendyke
Curator - Mr. Lindboe
Executive Committee - Mr. Bauer, chairman,
Mr. Harzinski and Mr. Donley.

As the office of secretary was declined with thanks by Mr. Elston, Mr. Greendyke was nominated in his place by the Club. Nominations will be closed at the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Amberg and second by Mr. Streb that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mr. Harzinski for printing our 1939 membership cards. CARRIED.

Mr. Meinhart presented an interesting paper on Civil War Tokens. After the paper several slides were shown of interesting tokens with remarks by Mr. Meinhart and members.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary.

Members present: Amberg, Bloom, Streb, Cady, Sloane, Harzinski, Lindboe, Horner, Moore, Gillette, Newell, Greendyke, Dumphrey, Meinhart, Cohen, Martin, Plumb, Babin, Studley, Donley, Swartz, Parker, Peake and Elston.
Visitors: Mr. Lee N. Sherwood, Mr. D. E. O'Brian.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN

MEETING NOTICE

The 607th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association will be held on December 20, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Edgerton Park.

Election of officers will be the main order of business. The following candidates were nominated at our last meeting.

President..... Leonard Babin
Vice-President..... Leslie Swartz
Treasurer..... Edward Meinhardt
Secretary..... John Greendyke Jr.
Curator..... Gustav Lindboe
Executive Committee.
George Bauer, Chairman
Joseph Harzinski
A. D. Donley

Our regular meeting of January 3, 1939 has been postponed to January 7, 1939 when we will hold our annual banquet at the Seneca Hotel. Tickets will be \$1.25 each and Mr. Lindboe, general chairman will have them at the next meeting. Plan to attend, with your wife or girl friend, or any guest you think may be interested. Be sure to attend this meeting so you can get your tickets in advance. This will help the committee to know how many to plan for.

Your officers unite in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Wm. A. Elston, Secretary

Minutes of meeting of December 20, 1938

The 607th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association was held on December 20, 1938 at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with President Peake presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Kolb exhibited a plaster cast and a lead proof of our Presidential Medal for this year and asked the Club how many medals they wished to order. After discussing the matter Mr. Lindboe moved and Mr. Harzinski seconded that the Club order 35 medals. CARRIED.

Mr. Meinhart presented the application of Mr. H. G. Aldridge. This application will be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Lindboe reported that everything will be ready for our banquet on January 7, and moved that we have our business meeting and installation of officers at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Motion seconded by Mr. Hayes and carried.

The new table which we have been anxiously waiting for has been installed and several favorable comments were made by members. The table is about 5 x 18 ft. and has a removable top so that they may be transformed into exhibition trays. They make a very attractive and useful addition to our meeting room. Mr. Lindboe told the club that the tables cost about \$350. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Dr. Parker.

Mr. Meinhart expressed his and the Club's gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Peake and Mr. Lindboe for their excellent work in cataloging the Club's coins.

Under nomination of officers Mr. Harzinski presented the following slate: President, Mr. Elston; Vice-President, Mr. Swartz; Treasurer, Mr. Meinhart; Secretary, Mr. Newell; Curator, Mr. Lindboe. Executive Committee: Mr. Bauer, Peake and Donley. Entire slate of nominations seconded by Mr. Sunday.

Mr. Babin, who was nominated for President at our last meeting declined the nomination and tendered his resignation from the Club.

The resignation of Mr. Weisbuch was tendered by Mr. Greendyke.

Moved by Mr. Amberg and seconded by Mr. Swartz that these resignations be tabled. CARRIED.

Moved by Dr. Cady and seconded by Mr. Greendyke that nominations be closed and we continue with the election. CARRIED.

(over)

Mr. Hayes, Martin and Sloane were appointed tellers.

The results of the election were as follows: Twenty-three ballots cast, one blank. President, Mr. Elston, 20; Vice-President, Mr. Swartz, 21; Treasurer, Mr. Meinhart, 22; Secretary, Mr. Newell, 16--Mr. Greendyke, 6; Curator, Mr. Lindboe, 22. Executive Committee, Mr. Bauer, 22; Mr. Donley, 16; Mr. Peake, 12; Mr. Harzinski, 10.

President Peake declared the following elected. President, Mr. Elston; Vice-President, Mr. Swartz; Treasurer, Mr. Meinhart; Secretary, Mr. Newell; Curator, Mr. Lindboe; Executive Committee: Mr. Bauer, Donley and Peake.

Mr. Bloom presented the Club with a Numismatic Scrapbook for 1938.

Meeting adjourned to the raffle and auction.

Members present: Swartz, Babin, Amberg, Webb, Harzinski, Bloom, Sloane, Meinhart, Newell, Plumb, Greendyke, Horner, Sunday, Hayes, Cady, Streb, Kaufman, Kolb, Lindboe, Martin, Peake, Studley and Elston.

Visitor: Mr. H. G. Aldridge, 400 Wellington Street.

For the Hobby Council Bulletin

Rochester Numismatic Association News

At the regular meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association held Dec. 20, 1938, the following officers were elected for the year 1939;— President, Mr. W. A. Elston; Vicepresident, Mr. L. C. Swartz; Treasurer, Mr. E. F. Meinhart; Secretary, Mr. F. B. Newell; Curator, Mr. G. J. Lindboe; Executive Committee, Mr. G. J. Bauer, Mr. A. D. Donley and Mr. F. E. Peake; Representative on the Hobby Council, Mr. G. J. Lindboe.

The annual banquet was held at Hotel Seneca on Sat. Jan. 7, 1939. after which the new officers were installed by Mr. G. J. Bauer, past president of the R. N. A. and A. N. A. Most of the afternoon and evening were spent in playing cards.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP LIST ~~December~~, 1938

1. Amberg, W.H. 180 Ormond St.
2. Plumb, A.H. 24 Rowley St.
3. Bauer, G.J. 210 St. Paul St.
4. Mehl, B.M. Fort Worth Tex.
5. Clarke, C.F. Union St. Leroy, N.Y.
6. Kaufman, A.J. 63 Colgate St.
7. Horner, J.W. 112 Comfort St.
8. Gillette, G.A. 1016 Wilder Bldg.
9. Potter, E.H. Coldwater, N.Y.
10. Sunday, W.F. 151 Malling Dr.
11. Wormser, M. 95 Fifth Ave. New York City
12. Kolb, A.A. 453 Clinton Ave. N.
13. Parker, Dr. A.C. Rochester Museum
14. Peake, F.E. 168 Troup St.
15. Peake, C.A. 168 Troup St.
16. Sloane, J.W. 66 Sullivan St.
17. Woolsey, W.E. 403 S. Lincoln Rd. East Rochester
18. Blake, G.H. 12 Highland Ave. Jersey City, N.J. *1938 Does not paid*
20. Lindboe, G.J. 358 Main St. E.
21. Babin, L.L. P.O.Box 708
22. Moore, C.E. 122 Mulberry St.
23. Bauer, E.G. 1462 Culver Rd.
24. Grover, F.B. 725 Clifford St.
25. Harzinski, J.B. 9 Arlington St.
26. Berinstein, I.B. 3 Front St.
27. Donley, A.D. Brighton High
28. Powers, J.E. 31 Wilmington St.
29. Weisbuch, M. 101 Culver Rd.
30. Bloom, B. 120 Rosalind St.
31. Blum, J.V. 63 Lake Front
33. Webb, F.E. 91 St. Paul St.
34. Cohen, J. 230 East Ave.
35. Elston, W.A. 184 Seville Dr.
36. Studley, G.W. 115 Maryland St.
37. Meinhart, E.F. 93 Bellevue Dr.
38. Swartz, L.C. 508 Westfield St.
39. Greene, B.J. 122 Rosalind St.
40. Weisbuch, A. 101 Culver Rd.
41. Hayes, H.F. 301 Meigs St.
42. Greendyke, Jr. J. 93 Fonthill Pk.
43. Becker, L.A. 479 Lake View Pk.
44. Stone, H. 256 Canterbury Rd.
45. Hoffenberg, G. 270 S. Goodman St.
46. Dumphrey, C.C. 535 Winton Rd. N.
47. Stearns, C.H. 800 East Ave.
48. Foster, E.J. 300 Aldine St.
49. Streb, C.G. 30 Holmdel Pl.
50. Martin, K. 33 Breck St.
51. Newell, F.B. 94 Monroe Pkwy.
52. Cady, Dr Francis. 1139 Granite Bldg.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSN.

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1938

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1937	\$254.12
Dues Collected	98.00
Presidential Medals Sold	12.00
Proceeds from Raffles of Presidential Medals	33.20
Commissions on Auctions	14.79
Proceeds from Raffle of Gold Dollar	7.50
Banquet ticket paid by J. V. Blum	1.25
Proceeds from R. N. A. Coins sold at Auction	4.40
	<u>\$425.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

William A. Elston for stamp, stencils, etc	\$28.49
Bastian Bros. for striking Pres. medals	27.50
R. N. A. Banquet Jan 1938	14.35
Alphonse Kolb for Pres. medal	22.40
Alphonse Kolb for Presidential Dye	58.00
Rebate on Pres. Medal to Mr. Geo. Bauer & John W. Horner	1.00
Flowers for J. Powers and Arthur J. Clark	6.00
Dues to American Numismatic Assn.	3.00
Rochester Hobby Council (Fee for Hobby Show)	3.00
Jack Cohen (Rubber Stamp)	.60
Roch. Museum of Arts & Science (Jan 1 to Dec 31)	10.00
Scrantom's for cards, card guides, label etc	3.55
R. M. Myers & Co for envelopes etc.	4.28
Zimmerli Business Furn. Corp (Used card case)	2.00
Gustav Lindboe (Sandwiches, milk etc.)	5.14
Gustav Lindboe for card indexes, coin, envelopes, etc.	4.60
H & H Press (Envelopes)	2.40
Dr. Chester Peake (Compensate him for members leaving early at outing)	3.00
Emmett Peake for Accession book and index	8.00
Banquet paid by J. V. Blum refunded to Joe Harzinsky	1.25
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1938	<u>216.70</u>
	<u>\$425.26</u>

Respectfully submitted

Leslie C. Swartz
Treas.

~~December~~ January 6, 1938

Secretary's Report for 1938

at the end of another successful year it gives me great pleasure to make the following report.

With the co-operation of Dr. Parker and his staff the Coin Room, in the Museum, has been renovated so that it makes an ideal meeting place. This work has not been completed and we hope to make the surroundings more pleasant during the coming year. As it is, I doubt if there is another Club which has a meeting place comparable to ours.

We held twenty-one meetings during the year, two of these being outing meetings held at Point Peake. Meetings were generally well attended. The attendance record was not taken at the Aug. 6th meeting and the following figures are based on ignoring that meeting so far as attendance is concerned.

Mr. Blunt and Mr. Elston had a perfect attendance during the year. Mr. Peake, Mr. Babin and Mr. Amberg missed one meeting. Mr. Aloane missed ^{one} ~~two~~ meetings and Mr. Lindhor and Mr. Kolt missed three meetings.

Our average attendance for the year was twenty-two members and three visitors at each meeting.

Two of our 1937 members failed to renew their membership and eleven new members were accepted during the year, making a net gain of nine and giving us a membership of fifty as of today. There is one application pending.

Respectfully submitted
J. M. G. O. T. Secretary.

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Corrected Membership List Based on Records of the Treasurer

1938

Compiled on the basis of Date of Entry and Continuous Payment of Dues

Number	Name	Number	Name
1.	Amberg, W. H.	45.	Foster, Earley J.
2.	Plumb, Al. H.	46.	Streb, Clarence G.
3.	Bauer, George J.	47.	Martin, Kenneth A.
4.	Mehl, B. Max	48.	Newell, Floyd B.
5.	Clarke, C. H.	49.	Cady, Dr. Francis
6.	Kaufman, A. J.		
7.	Horner, John W. Sr.		
8.	Gillette, George A.		
9.	Potter, Earl H.		
10.	Sunday, William F.		
11.	Wormser, M.		
12.	Kolb, Alphonse A.		
13.	Parker, Dr. Arthur C.		
14.	Peake, F. Emmette		
15.	Peake, Dr. Chester A.		
16.	Lindboe, Gustav J.		
17.	Sloane, John W.		
18.	Woolsey, Walter E.		
19.	Babin, L.L.		
20.	Moore, Clarence E.		
21.	Bauer, E. G.		
22.	Grover, Frank B.		
23.	Harzinski, Joseph B.		
24.	Bernstein, Isadore B.		
25.	Donley, Aubrey D.		
26.	Powers, James E.		
27.	Wiesbuch, Max		
28.	Bloom, Barney		
29.	Blum, Joseph		
30.	Webb, Fred E.		
31.	Cohen, Jack		
32.	Elston, William A.		
33.	Studley, George W.		
34.	Meinhart, Edward E.		
35.	Swartz, Leslie C.		
36.	Greene, Burton J.		
37.	Weisbuck, A.		
38.	Hayes, Harold F.		
39.	Greendyke, John		
40.	Becker, LeRoy A.		
41.	Stone, Harold H.		
42.	Hoffenberg, George		
43.	Dumphrey, Charles C.		
44.	Stearns, Charles H.		

A Celebration for Swedes

By William F. Sunday

ONE of the most recent issues of commemorative coins is that for the Delaware Tercentenary celebration to be held in Wilmington in June on the 300th anniversary of the landing of Swedish settlers in Delaware.

The first permanent settlement in the Delaware River Valley was made by Swedish colonists in the year 1638 at "The Rocks," now within the city of Wilmington. This anniversary will be celebrated by the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the federal government and the Kingdom of Sweden.

The design on the obverse side of the coin shows a sailing vessel, the Kalmar Nyckel, the ship in which the Swedish colonists arrived in this country. Kalmar Nyckel translated means Key of Kalmar, Kalmar being a city on the coast of Sweden. The design of the ship was made from a model now in the Swedish Naval Museum. The three diamonds used for punctuating the inscription are said to represent the three counties of Delaware—New Castle, Kent and Sussex. The reverse side shows the old Swedes Church at Wilmington, erected in 1698 and still standing adjacent to "The Rocks" in the city of Wilmington.

The coin was designed by Carl L. Schmitz, who was born at Metz, France, Sept. 9 1900. He became a sculptor's apprentice at 14. In 1923 he came to America to continue his studies at the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York. He is an American citizen and is a member of the National Sculptor Society. Twenty-five thousand coins are authorized to be coined.

A medal has been issued by the Delaware Tercentenary Commission for the celebration. The obverse shows the Kalmar Nyckel, and the reverse shows the Delaware seal. The medals will be struck in two sizes, one in bronze and the other in bronze and silver. They were designed by Maxfield H. Keck.

Exit, Chief Iron Tail

By William F. Sunday

THE noble profile of Chief Iron Tail of the Sioux Indians no longer will grace the new nickels clinking out of Uncle Sam's mint.

According to Treasury Department reports, the new design for 5-cent pieces will include the portrait of Thomas Jefferson on one side and a view of his home at Monticello, Va., on the other.

* * *

Exit the "Buffalo" Nickel

It is just 25 years since the current type of our five-cent coin was first issued for circulation. The law provides that coin designs may not be changed often—than 25 years except by special act of Congress. After designs have been used 25 years they may be changed by the secretary of the treasury and the director of

the mint without authority of Congress.

The now familiar "Buffalo" nickel first made its debut in 1913 when, on Feb. 17, regular coinage commenced with the operation of one press which produced coins at a rate of 120 per minute. The designs were the work of James Earl Fraser, of New York City. It is said that Fraser took as a model for the Indian head, Chief Iron Tail of the Sioux Indians, who was visiting New York at the time in connection with a wild west show known as 101 Ranch. The old chief was very proud of the fact that his features were selected as most nearly typifying the Indian of history and tradition.

Piracy Created Coin Issue

By William F. Sunday

RECENT reports point to piracy in the Mediterranean.

However, piracy is nothing new on placid blue waters of this famous sea, for back in 4 B. C. a pirate ruled the Mediterranean.

His name was Sextus Pompey, youngest son of Pompey the Great. Shortly after his father was defeated by Julius Caesar at the battle of Pharsalus, Sextus fled to safety in Spain where he supported himself by outright robbery. He subdued the Province of Baetice. He then proceeded to build a fleet of ships and established his supreme sea power on the Mediterranean. Immediately after the assassination of Caesar on March 15, B. C. 44, Sextus proceeded to oppose the triumvirate formed to rule the vast Roman dominions. He organized a blockade of the Italian coast and plundered all shipping. Food became scarce, prices skyrocketed, and the capitol was in great danger of famine.

The Romans with no navy of their own, found it necessary to make peace with Sextus. By the terms of the treaty Sextus received a large fortune to compensate him for the loss of his patrimony which had been sold by Caesar at public auction. He also received the title of admiral of the Roman navy.

However, peace was of short duration. The triumvirs passed a law aimed at all who had participated in the conspiracy against Caesar. They agreed among themselves to confiscate the property of every wealthy man in Rome. Sextus, though innocent, was included on the death list. A reign of terror ensued, and Sextus with a number of nobles and slaves sought refuge with his fleet.

He turned to Sicily which he quickly conquered, and there established his headquarters. He then organized another blockade, and again plundered Roman shipping. Octavian, one of the Roman triumvirs, hurriedly built a fleet to hold Sextus at bay, but the wily Sextus who knew every current of the Mediterranean soon lured his adversary into the swift waters of the Straits of Sicily where he out-manuevered the clumsy vessels of Octavian and the Roman suffered a decisive defeat.

Again Sextus attacked Roman shipping and soon the people were faced with the specter of famine which found the population in an ugly mood. They insisted upon immediate peace, which resulted in a treaty whereby the provinces of Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia and Achaia were ceded to Sextus. He also received a huge indemnity payment for his private coffers.

Sextus on his part was to supply Italy with food and protect its shipping. Antony, however, refused to give up the Province of Achaia and hostilities were resumed. Octavian built another fleet, but shortly after the vessels were launched and on their way to engage Sextus in battle, the entire armada was destroyed by a storm. Another attempt, in which Octavian proposed to use three fleets to attack Sextus from different sides was frustrated when two of them were wrecked by storm and the third by Sextus.

Finally, a third attempt to crush Sextus was successful. This time Octavian entrusted the command of his fleet to Agrippa, friend of his boyhood, who inflicted a crushing defeat upon the enemy. Sextus' fleet was destroyed, his power broken, and he was forced to flee to Asia where an Oriental satrap put him to death.

As a reward for his success in breaking Sextus' naval supremacy and freeing Italy from the danger of famine, Agrippa received the naval crown.

In commemoration of this historic event a coin was issued with the profile of Agrippa on one side wearing the naval crown, while the figure of Neptune on the reverse alludes to Agrippa's great naval successes.

Competitive Coinage

By William F. Sunday

THE difficulties hampering trading in the pioneer days of the West afford an interesting contrast between the past and present. The pioneers who went to Colorado in 1858 and settled in the Pike's Peak region brought little money with them but had need of little, for nearly everything was acquired by trading. However, early the next year gold was discovered, resulting in a gold rush and a large influx of prospectors.

Soon gold dust and nuggets became the leading medium of exchange. But this practice proved a nuisance in small dealings, as it necessitated the use of delicate scales with Troy weights to determine the value of the gold-dust. Nuggets had to be tested as to fineness in order to determine their value.

Therefore the need of some more convenient form of money finally resulted in the establishment of a private mint in Denver in 1860.

This first mint was erected by Clarke, Gruber & Company, private bankers, who conceived the idea of establishing a bank and mint combined where the gold could be converted into coin. The first coins struck in the new institution were of \$10 and \$20 denomination. These were struck in pure gold and were equal in weight to the \$10 and \$20 dollar gold pieces issued by the government mint at Philadelphia, but were of greater value because they contained no alloy. These were accepted at par in Colorado.

The design on this first issue showed a view of Pike's Peak with the word Denver just below. Around the border the inscription, "PIKE'S PEAK GOLD NO. TWENTY D." On the reverse side appears an eagle device and the words "CLARK GRUBER & CO. 1860."

The following year the \$2.50 and \$5 denominations were added and the designs were changed to the Liberty Head type. All of the coins then struck were alloyed according to government standards, because it was discovered that the first issue of pure gold was too soft and easily braded in circulation.

In a period of less than two years the Clark-Gruber firm minted and put into circulation about 8,000,000 of its coins. The increased output of the mines caused the Gruber mint to become a serious rival of the government's own coinage. This led to discussion as to propriety of money coined by private firms. The Secretary of the Treasury suggested to the President that the coinage laws be amended to prohibit private coining. This resulted in legislation depriving the

Denver institution of the authority to coin money.

However, the Clarke - Gruber venture is largely responsible for the establishment of a branch government mint at Denver, and even today the names of Austin M. and Milton E. Clarke, brothers, and E. H. Gruber, who composed the original firm are spoken of as symbolic of honesty and full worth as were their gold coins made in the early days of Colorado.

The old coining presses now repose in the Colorado State Historical Society, while most of the coins they produced have disappeared via the melting pot. Some still are found in collections of



numismatists and some have been preserved in museums. Choice specimens of the first issue (1860) bring considerable over face value today.

* * *

China Coins Come to U. S.

Silver coins of China have been shipped to this country in payment for war supplies. On February 21 a steamer reached Boston with 2,646 boxes of Chinese silver coins sent here to pay for war supplies for defense against Japanese invasion. This is the ninth such shipment to arrive here since last November, bringing the total to about 90,000,000 ounces. The coins were gathered in by the Chinese Government in its shift to a paper money basis. They were shipped by the London agency for the Bank of China.



So you think "wooden nickels" are a joke? Then look at the reproduction of those used in St. Petersburg, Fla., this year as novel feature of a golden jubilee festival.

'Wooden Nickels' No Joke

By William F. Sunday

THE popular admonition, "Don't take any wooden nickels," was an obsolete phrase during the Golden Jubilee Festival of the States of St. Petersburg, Fla. In fact everybody was urged to take wooden nickels, and their circulation made a lot of money toward financing the sunshine city's big annual celebration.

Stamped on wood in one nickel, two nickels, and five nickels denominations, the wooden money was purchased in large quantities by merchants, collectors and individuals for circulation and for souvenirs. Although used for cash, and redeemable for face value at the end of the festival, the nickels quickly passed out of circulation, and the result was a handsome profit for the festival committee.

Endorsed by the St. Petersburg Merchants Association, the wooden money was offered at shops and other places of business in lieu of change and was accepted as cash from customers.

Rectangular in shape, the wooden nickels were two by four inches in dimension. On the face was the special seal of the

Golden Jubilee Festival of States celebration, and on the reverse the seal of the City of St. Petersburg and the promise to redeem the nickels at face value over the signatures of the mayor, the president of the Chamber of Commerce and the chairman of the festival.

Demand for the wooden nickels exceeded all expectations of the committee, several printings being necessary to supply all who wanted them. Total issue was \$2,000 face value. There were 14,000 one-nickel pieces, 8,000 two-nickel pieces and 2,000 five-nickel pieces.

* * *

Coin Collectors' Convention

The ninth annual Tri-State meeting of coin, stamp and curio collectors at Jamestown, N. Y., June 10 to 12, inclusive, set an attendance record for a gathering of this kind. Over 300 collectors were represented from 22 states. More than a million dollars' worth of rare coins and postage stamps were on display and many rare old guns, antiques and Indian relics were exhibited.

The 'Indian' Was White

By William F. Sunday

HOW many persons know that the Indian head on our cent is not that of an Indian? Despite feathered headdress, the face is that of a little Anglo-Saxon girl, daughter of James Barton Longacre, chief engraver of the United States Mint from 1828 to 1858.

How her profile came to adorn the lowly copper has been related by her father. In the year 1858 the mint announced a proposed change in design, and competition was open for sketches and engravings for the new bronze cent. The prize was substantial and competition keen. Over a 1000 designs were submitted.

Mr. Longacre racked his brain for some original and singular design. But for months he failed. However, one morning a number of Indians who had been to pay their respects to the "great white chief" in Washington, came to Philadelphia and were being shown through the mint. They were introduced to Mr. Longacre who happened to be showing his daughter, Sarah, some of his work. The old chief was attracted by the sweet-faced maiden and her manifested interest in paint and his feather war bonnet. She gazed in childish wonder and expressed a desire to see how she would look in the feathered headgear.

This was explained to the chief, who solemnly divested himself of his feathers and placed them on the girl's head. The effect was so striking that her father sketched the picture she presented, which he afterwards finished for his own amusement. Barely before the close of the period for submitting engravings for the new cent design, it occurred to him that the combination of Indian feathers and Saxon loveliness had possibilities. So he entered it. The sketch passed through several sittings during the judging and finally reached the last round, where by one vote the Longacre design won.

Thus a 12-year-old girl enjoyed the distinction of having her profile appear on all the one-cent pieces struck from 1858 to 1909. Billions of these coins were issued and it is said that Sarah Longacre's image was reproduced more times than that of any woman who ever lived. Some of the earlier dates command a premium if in finely-preserved condition. Those minted from 1864 to

"Liberty" Head Nickel Myth

When the Liberty head type nickel was discontinued in the latter part of 1912, dies had been prepared bearing the date 1913 and a half-dozen nickels were struck to test the die early in 1913. However, no regular coinage was issued from these dies as the "Buffalo" type had been adopted and was used for general circulation. However, the fact that six specimens were known to exist, bearing the "Liberty" head and dated 1913, was given much publicity by certain coin dealers which brought about the craze for finding 1913 Liberty head nickels.

The public might have been spared the belief that any of these coins could be found in circulation, for despite diligent search none was rewarded for his efforts, regardless of numerous reports of purported 1913 Liberty nickels being found, (which were altered dates) not another genuine piece of this design dated 1913 has been found. Five of original coins from the 1913 dies are in the collection of the late Colonel Green and the sixth specimen was in the hands of a dealer when last reported.



Indian princess? . . . not at all! The girl beneath all the feathers on those millions of old copper cents is a white miss, daughter of the engraver who designed the "coppers."

1873 are bought. Also, 1877's, 1908's and 1909's are being bought by collectors.

Finest Specimens Extant Included in Display

By William F. Sunday

AN opportunity to view rare ancient Greek and Roman coins is presented to the public with the exhibition of the collection of the late Joseph Tilden Alling, now on display at the University of Rochester in the Rush Rhees library building on the River Campus.

This unusual treasure trove of historically interesting coins includes magnificent specimens of some of the earliest known struck money dating back to the Lydians, who are credited with invention of coinage. Nearly every period and ruler is repre-

The four dolphins surrounding the head indicate the sea surrounding her domain. The water of the spring is no longer sweet, volcanic disturbances due to the proximity of Mount Aetna having permitted the seepage of salt water. The reverse of the coin with its spirited chariot race is fully as interesting. The artist has shown the quadriga at a gallop with a figure of Victory crowning the charioteer. Below what serves as a base-line for the chariot group are pieces of captured armor—cuirass, greaves and helmet, beneath which ap-



The rare decadrachm of Syracuse.

ented from about 600 B. C. to the Roman Republic. Coins made of bronze, silver, gold and "electrum" (part gold and silver), many of which are said to be the finest preserved specimens in existence, have been painstakingly attributed and labeled by Charles Hoeing, dean emeritus, who also is responsible for the novel method of display which affords a view of both the obverse and reverse side of each coin with the aid of glass slide and a mirror background.

A gallery of notables is portrayed on the gold coins, including Julius Caesar, Nero, Hadrian, Marcus Aurelius, Ptolemy of Egypt. Possibly the outstanding of these is a gold octadrachm

pears the letters A O V A, the root of our word "athletics." This inscription, coupled with the armor supports the generally accepted dating of these pieces at about 413 B. C. In this year the Syracusans defeated the forces sent by Athens to capture the city and these "decadrachms" were issued in connection with the games celebrating the victory. The decadrachms of Syracuse generally are considered the finest examples of the Greek die-cutters' art. They were struck at the Zenith of the city's power, and the two artists who executed the dies, Kimon and Euanetos, were the ablest Sicily ever produced.

NUMISMATIC NOTES

By William F. Sunday

ILLUSTRATED is a coin of the Roman Republic which recalls a stirring event in the history of the rise of Rome from a little village on the Yellow Tiber to a position of arbiter of the world's destiny.

The time was B.C. 168. Rome had by now conquered all of Italy and Sicily and was engaged with Carthage in a bitter struggle which ended a few years later with the total destruction of Carthage by the Roman legions under the command of Scipio Aemilianus, a son of Paullus, hero of the war.

In addition to subduing Carthage and removing it as a rival for world power, Rome continued on in an attempt to extend its boundaries eastward. She had by diplomacy made Greece an ally, and was now seeking by the force of arms to make Macedon a Roman province. For three years the Macedonians had successfully resisted the Roman legions, largely because of the incompetence of their leaders, and it seemed the efforts were doomed to failure.

However, in this crisis Lucius Aemilius Paullus was re-appointed consul to Rome and was sent to Macedon as commander-in-chief of the invading forces. Paullus soon justified his selection, and in the battle of Pydna, June 22, 168 B. C., utterly routed the Macedonian forces, capturing Perseus and his sons. The cities were sacked and the spoils sent

to Rome. On Paullus' return the Senate granted him a public triumph, which was a magnificent affair, lasting three days, the very highest tribute that could be paid a Roman general.

Gala Celebration

The first day a huge procession marched through the streets, headed by the Consuls and Senate, followed by a band of trumpeters. Then followed wagons filled with captured treasures, pictures of the foreign lands and banners bearing the names of the conquered cities. The second day the wagons were filled



with armor, trophies and other spoils of war, followed by men carrying bowls of silver coins and various utensils of silver taken away by the army.

But the third day was the climax. The procession was led



Isle of Man Coins Boast Three 'Legs'

By William F. Sunday

THE coins of the Isle of Man have three "legs."

The Isle of Man is in the Irish Sea, midway between England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. From its earliest history, up to the 11th century, we know only that it was ruled at various times by Scandinavian, Scotch, Irish and English kings, but no coins were issued prior to the 18th century.

In 1709, James, the Earl of Derby, issued the first coins. These were crudely cast copper half-pence and pennies and bore the "triquetra" emblem on the reverse. On the obverse of these coins is the eagle and child



above a cap, and the motto, "Sans Changer," which is the crest and motto of the House of Stanley. On the reverse is the "triquetra," the three-legged device of booted and spurred human legs bent at the knee as

though running and joined at the hip to form a radiating design. In the field are the words "Quocunque Ieceris Stabit." Freely translated it means, "Throw me as you will, I land on my feet."

The eagle with a child in its claws has an interesting origin. It is said that Sir Thomas de Lathom, early in the 14th century, was walking with his wife in a wild section of his estate when they heard the cries of a baby girl, which they traced to an eagle's nest high on the cliffs. The servants rescued the baby and, having no children of his own, Sir Thomas adopted her. When she died she left a daughter named Isabell, who married Sir John de Stanley. In memory of the event he made the eagle and child part of his crest.

The "triquetra" has a story which is over 2,000 years old, providing a continuous chain from the Athens of 600 B. C. to the Isle of Man in 1709 A. D. As far as can be ascertained the first use of human legs in this design seems to have been employed as a decorative motif on the black Athenian vases of the 6th century B. C. The Alcmaeonidae family of Athens, powerful politically about the year 590 B. C., were known by the nickname of "White Legs" as the family device which they bore on their shields consisted of a white "triquetra."

About this period, coins of Athens appeared bearing the "triquetra" symbol, and again from 550 to 456 B. C. on the

early coins of Aegina the triquetra is stamped incused. From this time on we find coins of Macedon, and Attica using the design. The symbol having traveled through many sections of Greece we find that in 317 B. C. Agathocles introduced the triquetra into the coinage and the arms of the two Sicilies. As late as 1812 Joachim Murat, ruler of the Sicilies, used it on his coins.

How this ancient device became that of the Isle of Man is revealed when we find that in the years from 1266 to 1286 King Alfred III of Scotland was King of Man and the Channel Islands, and his wife was a sister of the Queen of Sicily. This Sicilian connection therefore, explains



how the triquetra happened to pass from the Island of Sicily to the Isle of Man.

The state sword used today in legal ceremonials was made in the 13th century and bears on its hilt this same device.

SEALSKIN BANK NOTE 'TOPS'

By William F. Sunday

JUST AS the sealskin coat is "tops" in milady's wardrobe, so a recently-discovered sealskin bank note is being rated by numismatists.

This odd type of money was used in Alaska during the Russian regime, and was among souvenirs brought back from Alaska by an army surgeon who was a member of the force which took possession after Seward's purchase of the territory in 1867.

It is printed in black ink on a piece of tanned sealskin, light yellow in color, and 2½ by about 1¼ inches in dimensions. The obverse shows the seal of the Russian American Company with the denomination "One Ruble" below.

The seal shows the Russian eagle at the top, below which is the inscription "Russ. Americ. Company Seal," and around the edge "Under the High Patron (age) of his Imperial Maj. (esty)."

The reverse side of the note bears an engine-turned oval device which has imprinted thereon

the inscription "Note in America 1 RUB. No." and the figures 12907 written in with pen and ink. Below the oval is a long, narrow panel of shaded lines, but without lettering. The language style is that which was in use in Russia in the early part of the 18th century. At various times over the years there have been brief references to leather money supposed to have been used by the Russians in Alaska, but nothing positive was known. This specimen has just been acquired by Farren Zerbe, curator of the Chase National Bank Collection of Moneys of the World. No other specimen of this note is known to exist in this country, although a 10-kopek denomination is said to be in a Russian Museum.

* * *

More Commemoratives

Undaunted by the fate of recent bills introduced in Congress authorizing issues of commemorative coins, two new bills have been offered by widely-separated states. One would authorize the

coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the admission of the State of Washington to the Union. The other would provide for the issuance of half-dollars commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the New Haven Colony, now New Haven, Connecticut.

* * *

South Africa's New Coins

A new set of silver and copper coins has been issued for South Africa. The set consists of 2½ shillings, 2 shillings, 1 shilling, sixpence and threepence in silver, and the penny, half-penny and quarter-penny in bronze. A noticeable departure in metal is found in the minor coins. While the penny and half-penny are in ordinary copper and bronze the quarter penny or farthing is struck in a very dark gun-metal color material. Each coin in the set has a different reverse design, relieving the monotony of the series, as the obverse is the same throughout the set—the bare head of King George VI.

Jackson Birthday Recalls Money Situation

By William F. Sunday

THE 15th of March has become significant for the celebration of the birth of our seventh president, Andrew Jackson. "Jackson dinners" have recently become the vogue with the Democratic party.

We hear a lot about democracy at present with the threat of war hovering over Europe. Americans generally are satisfied with our present form of government. However, there are grave problems confronting the present regime, just as there were problems to be solved a century ago, when Andrew Jackson, the first "People's President," walked into the White House.

One of the first problems attacked by Jackson was the "money" situation, for it was during his first term that the powerful United States Bank secured a recharter, which Jackson opposed and vetoed, and which afterward became the chief issue of the campaign for his re-election.

The people apparently approved his action, for in the following November they re-elected him. With the confidence of the public support, Jackson proceeded to the gradual removal of government deposits in the United States Bank and together



This specimen shows Jackson in the money chest representing United States Sub-treasury.

with new receipts, deposits were then placed in 23 carefully selected state banks.

Rugged Vermont Minted Coins Back in 1785

By William F. Sunday

AFTER the American colonies had achieved independence the privilege of providing their own coinage became their own sovereign right. The problem was promptly attacked by both the National Congress and by some of the states in order to relieve the citizens of the pressing need of an ampler supply of small coin, and likewise to eliminate from circulation the vast amount of light-weight and spurious coppers then commonly current.

Some of the states, during their loose confederation prior to the adoption of the constitution and the formation of the union, assumed the right of coining money.

One of the first states to issue copper pieces was Vermont, a commonwealth that had not formed one of the original 13 col-



First type, issued in 1785

onies which revolted, nor was Vermont at this time (1785) a state, not having been admitted to the union until 1791. However, in 1785 by authority of the assembly of Vermont, a contract was let to one Reuben Harmon to coin copper for a term which was first fixed at two years, but later extended to eight.

The contract provided that during the first three years all of the profits from the coinage were to go to Harmon to reimburse him for his outlay in providing a mint, while the remaining five years of the life of the contract he was to pay to the common-



Second type, 1787-88

wealth two and one-half per cent of the amount coined.

Two types of coppers were struck under this contract, the first of which bore design portraying a central device representing an "all-seeing" eye, from which are 13 long and 13 short radiating rays, between the ends of which are interposed 13 stars, and around the border "Stella Quarta Decima." The reverse side shows the sun rising behind the "Green Mountains" atop which are pine trees and in the foreground is a plow. The border inscription is "Vermontis Res Publica" 1785. This first type was issued during the first three years and bear the dates 1785, 1786 and 1787.

The second type is void of any local character, which indicates that other devices were prescribed during the remaining five years of the contract with Harmon, in fact the law stated that the coins should now bear, "on one side a head," . . . "on the reverse, a woman," with appropriate inscriptions. No doubt the commonwealth found it more convenient to employ a type already familiar to the people, for the design is plainly a copy of the English penny of that period. The bust on the obverse, laureated and in cuirass is plainly an imitation of the English King George and the figure on the reverse which was to be taken as emblematic of Liberty is only Britannia with a different sentiment expressed by the inscription "INDE. ET. LIB." Independence and Liberty.

Literally tons of these "Vermont" cents were produced by Harmon under the terms of the contract, but today few choice specimens of these have survived, particularly those bearing the date 1785. Those dated 1787 or 1788 are more numerous.

The attempt to reduce the state bank-notes in circulation by the increase in the coinage of gold coins proved fruitless, and finally Jackson resorted to the issue of the "Specie Circular" on July 11, 1836, which compelled the banks and agents to accept only gold and silver after Aug. 15 in payment for public land. The effect of this decree soon caused the collapse of overspeculative banks who were unable to redeem their notes, and resulted finally in the suspension of specie payments by the banks in 1837.

This action soon led to the people's hoarding of "hard money," gold and silver and even copper coins disappearing from circulation and to relieve the dearth of coins, merchants and business men soon issued "tokens," which were accepted to make change and facilitate trade.

Illustrated is a typical example of the "Jackson Cent" as it depicts on one side a bust of Jackson in uniform on a money chest, holding a sword in his right hand and in the other the money bag, while the inscription reads, "I Take The * Responsibility *." The reverse shows the "Democratic" jackass, with "Roman firmness" above, and "veto" below. Around the border is "The Constitution As I Understand It" Regarded as only souvenirs, by many today, nevertheless, the "Jackson cents" served a worthy purpose a century ago during a hectic period of our country when "democracy" was really appreciated by the people.

Washington Shy On Being Paid Coin Honor

By William F. Sunday

THE 22nd day of February marks another anniversary of the birth of the "father of our country," George Washington.

Not only is Washington honored as "father of the country" but as sponsor of our national currency as well, for it was he, as first President, who signed the resolution to establish a mint at Philadelphia (1792) for the striking of the official coins of the United States.

There were many who deemed it appropriate to have the likeness of Washington adorn the first federal coins, and numerous "patterns" were submitted for consideration to the committee, among which were a number bearing the effigy of Washington. The committee was favorably impressed with some of the "Washington" designs and recommended their adoption. However, when the matter was brought to the attention of the President he most emphatically declined the honor and as a result the first coins bore a female head of "Liberty" instead.



Washington half-dollar,
rejected in 1792

It is said that Washington's repugnance of a style of currency so closely resembling that of a monarchy and his personal feelings against appearing so conspicuously on the coins of our country, were largely responsible for his refusal to accept such a singular honor. A number of copper pieces bearing the head of Washington were struck both here and abroad, by speculators, who introduced them into circulation where ever there was a pressing need of small coin.

Some of these 18th century coppers were dated 1783, 1785, 1791 and 1792 and actually saw service in lieu of a cent before our mint product was issued in March, 1793. One of the most prized of "Washington" coins is the silver half-dollars dated 1792, of which only few are known to be in existence. These half-dollars bear the bust of Washington in military uniform, and the date 1792 below, and around the edge G. WASHINGTON PRESIDENT. On the reverse is a heraldic eagle, with a shield on breast, and 15 stars above, while around the edge the legend, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. (Illustrated).

The eagle design is similar to the design on our great seal from which it was no doubt copied. A specimen of this "Washington" half-dollar recently brought \$60 in a "coin auction."

Thus, over 200 years after Washington's objection, his portrait finally was adopted for our national coinage with the appearance of the new quarter dollars in 1932.



They looked like fish hooks . . . they were about the same size as fish hooks . . . but they weren't fish hooks to the natives of Ceylon . . . they constituted good, silver money

GOT CHANGE FOR A HOOK?

By William F. Sunday

OF THE many forms of money in use in various parts of the world, one of the most peculiar is the Larin or fish hook money of Ceylon. These are fashioned from slender pieces of silver wire of various thickness and length, after which they are bent double, with the ends curved up in fish hook form.

The name Larin or Lari is derived from the city of Lar in Persia where these odd pieces first were made by the King of Lar. He was a powerful king in that country early in the 16th Century. The use of the Larin soon spread along the west coast of India and finally reached its widest circulation on the island

of Ceylon. Here the native name for the Larin is Koku Ridi, meaning hook silver, hence the English term fish hook money.

Since the metal used to make the Larin is pure silver, this form of currency gained widespread popularity among traders and merchants along the Persian Gulf.

Soon most of the business was transacted with the Larin instead of other coins then current in Europe. Portuguese and Spanish traders and caravan leaders were forced to exchange their money for Larins in order to transact business. The majority of Larins are from three to four inches long and anywhere from an eighth of an inch to nearly a quarter inch wide. All bear an inscription or impression

of the flattened end where the wire has been doubled.

There are three distinct types of this money. The first of these is the Persian, which consists of a piece of silver wire bent double and slightly flattened at the folded end and bearing an inscription. The second is the Indian type which is usually made from a straight piece of silver wire about one inch long and flattened about the full length, which has the appearance of a date stone. The last is the Ceylon type which has the upturned ends like a fish hook.

These peculiar pieces were prized by the silversmiths, because of their pure, soft silver. Smiths melted them down, after which the metal was fashioned into silver ornaments.

NUMISMATIC NOTES

By William F. Sunday

AWARDED first prize in the National Sculpture Society's sixth annual bas-relief exhibition at the Architectural League, 115 East 40th Street, New York, Chester Beach, sculptor, of New York City, won the Lindsey Morris Memorial prize of \$300.

The exhibit chosen for first in the display was a bronze medal of "War and Peace," the second of two 1937 medals issued by the Society of Medalists. On one side the medal has a group of youths bearing an elderly man, and the legend: "In Peace Sons Bury Their Fathers." On the other side is a symbolic representation of war, with an old man carrying a youth, which is inscribed: "In War the Fathers Bury Their Sons."

The Lindsey Morris Memorial Prize is given annually by Mrs. Ella B. Morris in memory of her daughter, the sculptor, Lindsey Morris Sperling.

Work of about 55 sculptors was entered in the exhibition.

* * *

Find Gold Coins

A wrecker's ax led to the discovery of 5,000 pieces of gold valued at 2,500,000 francs (\$39,250), which had been forgotten since the 18th century. The treasure trove was found in a building being demolished in the Rue Mouffetard in the ancient Latin Quarter of Paris.

A yellowed old parchment was found with the gold. It bore the likeness of King Louis XV (1710-1744) and the legend: "I, sieur, Louis Nivelle, Equerry, counselor, and secretary to the King, bequeath my entire fortune to my daughter, Anne Louise Claude Nivelle."

A few days later another gold cache was found in the walls of the same building, which is estimated to be worth 8,000,000 francs in present-day money. In the newest find are a large number of gold pieces bearing the effigy of Louis XV, of which some have the arms of France on the reverse side. Others bear the portrait of Marie Leckzinska, Louis XV's queen, and still others have the interlaced "L's."

* * *

Coin Collectors Convene

Members of the American Numismatic Association will convene at Columbus, Ohio, for the annual convention to be held in that city from Aug. 13 to 18th inclusive. One of the outstanding features of this gathering is the large and valuable exhibition of rare coins which will be displayed free to the public.

In addition, this group of the world's leading collectors will celebrate the golden jubilee of the founding of the "Numismatic," the official organ of the ANA, a magazine devoted to the science of numismatics.

It was in the fall of 1888 that Dr. George F. Heath of Monroe, Mich., realized his long-cherished desire to publish a magazine for coin collectors. It was not until four years later that he succeeded in forming the American Numismatic Association, which today has a membership of thousands of ardent coin collectors scattered all over the world.

Arrangements have been made to have at the Columbus convention the old hand press used in printing the first issues of the "Numismatic." This is now owned by Donald R. Heath of Detroit, a son of Doctor Heath, who will be present and put in type the first page of the first issue of the "Numismatic," using the original type, and run off copies as souvenirs for those attending the convention.



Chosen from entries of 55 sculptors, the "war and peace" medal above was awarded the Lindsey Morris Memorial prize of \$300. It was designed by Chester Beach, New York City.

'Lincoln' Cents, Now Common, Once Created Sensation

By William F. Sunday

THIS month we observe the birthday of the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. Despite the fact that Lincoln was honored, respected and loved by thousands, it required several unsuccessful attempts to have his portrait adorn our national coinage. He was born Feb. 12, 1809, but it was not until the 100th anniversary of his birth, 1909, that the powers that be decided that Lincoln's profile should appear on a regular issue of our minor coins. Thus the appearance of the "Lincoln" cents in 1909 created a sensation, since they were the first coins issued for general circulation which



Immortal Emancipator

bore the portrait of a president. Too they were struck in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln.

The design was from a photograph, then in the possession of Charles Elliot Norton, and plaster models were executed by Victor D. Brenner, a successful medalist of that time. However, the "Lincoln" cents had only been in circulation one day when an objectional feature was discovered in that the initials of the designer (V. D. B.) were displayed on reverse side of the new coins, which was considered illegal.

New dies were prepared on which the initials did not appear and the storm of protests subsided, but the incident was not

easily forgotten. It seems that the impression prevailed that but a few of these coins from the earlier die had been issued before the die was destroyed and replaced by a new hub.

But alas their dreams were shattered, for 27,995,000 pieces were issued, and none was ever recalled, so the coins could not become rare.

Thus the "Lincoln" cents of 1909 with the initials on the back are quite common today and may be purchased for a few cents each in bright "new" condition. In fact dealers in coins are so well stocked that they do not

offer a premium for the first Lincoln cents.

Illustrated is an emancipation model issued in 1863. It is symbolic of the successful efforts of Lincoln to free the Negro slaves, for it was on Jan. 1, 1863, that he signed the Proclamation of Emancipation. The obverse bears a bust of Lincoln, while on the reverse side an open hand is shown with the broken shackles in the background and above the date, 1863.



Symbol of Freedom

Tales of the Time When U. S. Coins Were Born

By William F. Sunday

INTERESTING facts gleaned from accounts kept by the officers in charge of the first mint deal with the difficulties encountered in producing our first national coinage. For a period of nearly ten years (1783-1793) Thomas Jefferson had worked on the plan to establish the first United States Mint. Finally in October of 1793 the first buildings were completed.

Operations were commenced shortly afterward, when a few trial or pattern coins were struck in copper. Henry Voigt was the first chief coiner, appointed by President Washington on Jan. 29, 1793. On Dec. 17, 1792, he made the following entry in his account book:

"Struck off a few pieces of copper coins."

The next day Thomas Jefferson wrote the president as follows:

"Thomas Jefferson has the honor to send the president 2 cents made on Voigt's plan by putting a silver plug worth $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent into the center of a copper worth $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent. Mr. Rittenhouse is about to make a few by mixing this same type of plug by fusion with the same amount of copper. He will then make some of copper alone of the same size and lastly he will make the real cent as ordered by congress 4 times as big. Specimens of these several ways of making the cent will be delivered to the Committee of Congress now having the subject before them."

These first experimental pieces with the silver center were submitted by Bob Birch who was employed at the mint in the engraving department, and are known to numismatists as the 'Birch Patterns.' These were the forerunners of our first National coinage.

First Designer

Joseph Wright, a portrait painter, was appointed by Washington as the first designer and die-sinker. He died of yellow fever in 1793. However, the first design officially adopted for the first regular issue of coins (copper cents) was not the work of Wright. Jean Pierre Droz, Swiss engraver who was born in 1746 and died in 1823, was engaged to cut the dies for the first regular issue, the "chain reverse" type.

Later the design was changed and chain device was eliminated in favor of a wreath of olive leaves. Wright cut the dies for this second design. Still another design was employed in 1793. This is known to collectors as the "Liberty Cap" type. Robert Scott cut these dies and also some of the dies for the cents struck in 1794.

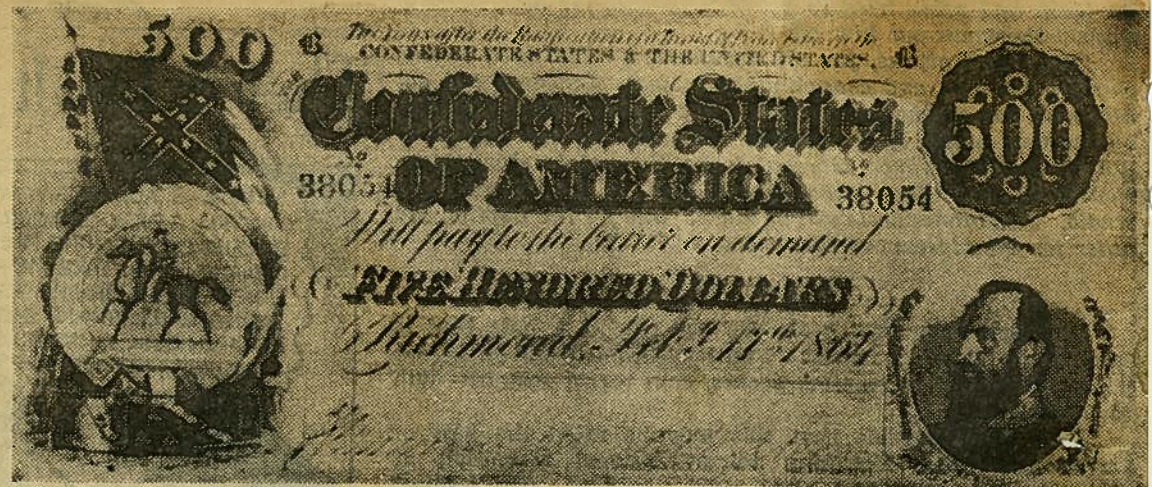
First Silver Bullion Deposit

The first silver received at the mint was deposited by the Bank of Maryland on July 28, 1794. It consisted of French silver coins, weighing 69,692 ounces and was entered as Deposit Number 1. From this Deposit Number 1 the chief coiner delivered to the treasurer of the mint the first silver coins struck for circulation. They consisted of 17,058 silver dollars and were turned over to the treasurer on Oct. 15, 1794. On Dec. 1, he delivered 5,300 half-dollars.

On Old Confederate Currency and a Famous Old Poem

By William F. Sunday

EACH Memorial Day finds the ranks of Civil War veterans diminished that but few survivors today recall the heroic struggle between the North and the South. However, thousands of souvenirs in the form of old, repudiated currency still are in existence as a numismatic record of a nation of 9,000,000 souls that maintained a precarious existence in the face of overwhelming odds for nearly four and a half years. Thousands of dollars in paper currency was issued by the Southern Confederacy during the Civil War, much of which was used to pay the soldiers. Most of it was repudiated when the cause of the South was lost. These notes were a promise to pay. But, faced with empty coffers, the treasury was unable to redeem them, so today these serve as mute reminders of a nation that fell. The notes were issued from 1861 to 1864 in denominations of 1 cent, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. The earlier issues of 1861 were printed at Montgomery, Ala., while the later issues were printed at Richmond, Va. Worth only a few cents each as souvenirs, many of these old bills still are being brought to light today to cause a temporary thrill of anticipation to the finder, who later learns they are practically worthless. Since a number of the bills are printed on one side only, the blank reverse side often



On the blank back of just such a note as this Major S. A. Jones wrote The Lost Cause, now acknowledged to be one of the most powerful writings attributed directly to the Civil War

was utilized to make notations by officers and soldier of the South. Some of them have been found containing messages and crude verse, and one of these, a five-hundred bill of the last issue (1864) contained the famous poem, "The Lost Cause," written by Major S. A. Jones while he was stopping at the Powhatan Hotel, Richmond, Va.

"The Lost Cause"

Representing nothing on God's earth now
And naught in the waters below it,
As the pledge of a nation that's dead and gone
Keep it, dear friend, and show it.
Show it to those who will lend an ear
To the tale that this paper can tell.

Of liberty born of the patriot's dream,
Of a storm-cradled nation that fell.
Too poor to possess the precious ores
And too much of a stranger to borrow,
We issued to-day our promise to pay
And hoped to redeem on the morrow.

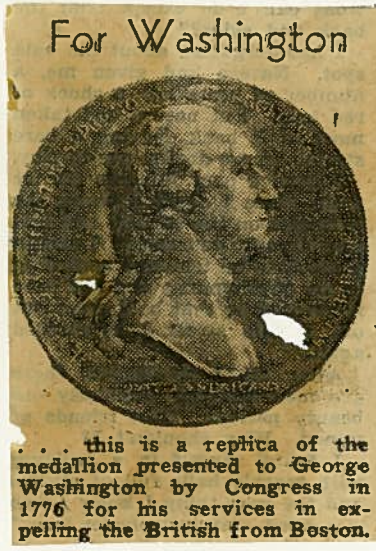
The days rolled by, and the weeks became years,
But our coffers were empty still;
Coin was so rare that the Treasury'd quake
If a dollar should drop in the till.
But the faith that was in us was strong indeed,
And poverty well we discerned,
And this little check represented the pay

That our suffering veterans earned.
We knew it had hardly a value in gold,
Yet as gold each soldier received it.
It gazed in our eyes with a promise to pay,
And each Southern patriot believed it.
But our boys thought little of price or of pay
Or of bills that were overdue;
We knew if it bought us our bread to-day
Twas the best our poor country could do.

Keep it; it tells all our history o'er,
From the birth of the dream to its last.
Modest and born of the angel's Hope,
Like our hope of success, it passed.

Congress' Tribute to Washington

By William F. Sunday



A MEDAL which few people have seen, and about which the public has little information, is the unique gold medallion presented to the Father of our Country by Congress on March 25, 1776.

This medal was the only gold medal given by Congress to General George Washington, for his services in expelling the British forces from Boston on the 17th of March, 1776. It was struck at the Paris mint and the designs were executed by the famous French artist Pierre Simon Benjamine Duvivier, who was engaged at the request of the Continental Congress and arrangements were made by John Adams and two associates.

This beautiful piece of medallion art portrays on the obverse side a bust of Washington in profile, surrounded on the inner rim

by the legend, in Latin: "Georgio Washingtoni Sympremo Ducei Civitatum Adsertori Libertatis Comitibus Americanis" (The American Congress To George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of Its Armies, Protector of Liberty).

The other side shows Washington and his aides all mounted viewing from the Dorchester Heights (South Boston) the town of Boston below and the retreating British vessels. In the foreground are two cannon and cannon shot. Between the mounted figures and the harbor a fortified portion of the Heights may be seen and below, troops are deploying on the level ground. On the inner rim at top are the words: "Hostibus Primo Fugatis", and below the design, "Bostonium Recuperatum XVII Martii MDCCLXXVI".

... this is a replica of the medallion presented to George Washington by Congress in 1776 for his services in expelling the British from Boston.